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More than simply a component of a song, on Sept. 16 drums and drumming were the centers of attention in McCrary Theatre.

A sold-out show featured drumming icon Carmine Appice and six fellow musicians — five drummers and a guitarist — who transformed the space into a chair-rattling, bone-quaking box of sound.

The show included many drum solos, guitar riffs and a guest appearance from the Fire of the Carolinas drumline. Emblazoned with fluorescent tape and glowing in blacklights, the performers imbued the stage with considerable energy.

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Student arrested on rape charge

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

An Elon University freshman was arrested and charged with one count of second-degree rape Sept. 17. The student, Nicholas Pacella, was taken to the Alamance County Jail and held under \$100,000 secured bond.

Pacella posted bond Monday morning, Sept. 20.

The arrest derived from an alleged rape that took place sometime between 1 and 2:15 a.m. Sept. 12 in Smith Residence Hall, according to a Campus Safety and Police incident report. A student, other than the victim, reported the incident, said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

The victim knew the suspect before the incident and alcohol is believed to have been a factor, according to the incident report.

According to North Carolina statutory law and Elon University's Honor Code, a person cannot give legal consent for sexual activity after consuming alcohol.

A notice was not sent to the student body in this particular incident, or with any sexual assault case where the victim does not give explicit permission, said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

"We do want to notify the campus of sexual assaults because we want people to know this does happen and there are resources," Jackson said. "But never at the expense of the victim."

After this type of event, the student is the main priority, Jackson said.

"The first thing is a focus on the student," he said. "To see if they want to go to the hospital, do they want the police involved, do they want us to make a report on their behalf, do they want us to go through judicial?"

Victims of sexual violence are given a number of routes to pursue the matter further, said Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being.

Students can choose to file a report through both the North Carolina legal system and Elon University's Judicial Affairs, only one of those legislative bodies or neither.

"The criminal justice process is very different from the campus judicial process," Royster said. "My office works really hard to empower the student's process and make sure they are in control of where they go."

Whitney Gregory, director of Judicial Affairs, said she could not comment on whether this incident has been filed with the university. Since Pacella was arrested by Campus Safety and Police, the case is being pursued in criminal court.

According to the Campus Safety and Police website, the last forcible sex act occurred in 2007. But these statistics are not always reflective of the actual campus climate, Royster said.

"So what you read in those federal statistics for campuses is mostly the unusual incident which actually gets charged in a criminal setting and prosecuted by the state," she said.

In an average year, Royster sees anywhere from 30 to 50 students seeking resources surrounding sexual violence or sexual assault. Last year, one of her highest, she saw 52 students.

Pacella declined to comment.

Pacella was identified early in the investigation as a suspect, Gantos said. Based on the evidence and information from the District Attorney's office, there was enough information to make the arrest.

Coming off organization status suspension, fraternity looks to re-establish itself by November

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

Pending the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity meets the expectations of its national organization and Elon University, the group will regain organization recognition Nov. 1. The university stripped Pi Kappa Phi of its organization status after an investigation in late April. The investigation followed an

incident where a potential member was taken to the hospital for excessive alcohol intake.

The fraternity was found responsible for violating the Elon Honor Code and the Greek Life Risk Management Policies, said Shana Plasters, director of Greek Life. The organization's activities and operations were halted March 13, 2010 in order to begin the investigation, said Brian O'Shea, the Pi Kappa Phi adviser and assistant to

the vice president for Student Life and dean of students.

President Leo Lambert has publicly said at a meeting about hazing with student leaders and a meeting with faculty and staff that Elon almost had two student deaths because of alcohol poisoning last spring. One of those students was involved in the incident that resulted in Pi Kappa Phi's suspended organization status, according to Smith Jackson, dean of

student life.

"We had situations in the spring that were really concerning," Jackson said. "We need to treat this as if somebody died."

Senior Ian Maxwell, vice president of Pi Kappa Phi, wrote in an e-mail that the fraternity would not like to release

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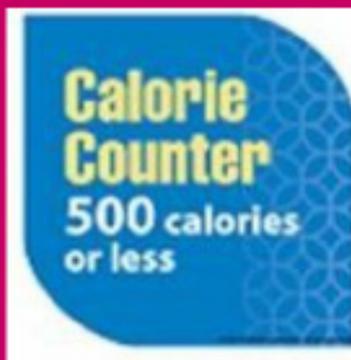
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Hit-and-run driver charged with felony

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

The Elon woman arrested for hitting and leaving an Elon University student Sept. 15 was also found guilty on four counts of misdemeanor death by motor vehicle in 2008.

Robin Stanfield Ragsdale, of 500 James Toney Drive, was arrested and charged with a felony hit-and-run Sept. 16.

Ragsdale allegedly hit first-year student Toorialey Fazly as he rode his bicycle to his 8 a.m. class. Fazly sustained injury to his second and third cervical vertebrae and has a leg fracture, said Elon Police Chief LaVell Lovette.

Elon Police Lt. James Perry said a witness informed police that a black woman in a black sedan stopped at the scene, got out and looked at the victim before getting in her car and leaving on Williamson Avenue.

Lovette said Fazly was airlifted to Duke Medical Center.

According to an Elon Police Department press release, Ragsdale fled the scene because she panicked.

Two e-mails were sent from Smith Jackson, vice president for student life, about the accident and Fazly's condition. In an e-mail sent Thursday morning, shortly before 8 a.m., Jackson wrote that Elon staff members are with Fazly and "his condition is stable and he is in very

good spirits."

According to the e-mail, Fazly is expected to be released and able to return to classes this week wearing a neck brace.

Ragsdale — under the name Robin Michelle Stanfield — was found guilty in a July 2007 accident that left four people dead. Pedestrians were attending to a broken-down car on University Drive near East Haggard Avenue when Ragsdale's car ran off the road and hit the stopped car.

Michael King, 43, of Swepsonville, and Mildred Isley, 57, Freddie Coulter, 55, and his wife Sandra Coulter, 51, all of Graham, were killed in the accident.

Larry Isley Jr., of Graham, was the only survivor.

Students can drop off cards for Fazly at the Moseley Desk or the Office of Student Development (Moseley 206), and visitors can contact the Isabella Cannon Centre in Carleton for visiting hours.

Elon Police reports show there have been five bicycle-related accidents in the past two years, including the April 2009 accident that resulted in the death of chemistry professor Eugene Gooch.

In the Town of Elon's 2008 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Lighting Master Plan there have been a total of two bicycle accidents from 2001 to 2006. Recommendations in the plan call for improvements along Williamson Avenue, St. Marks Church Road and Haggard Avenue.

Town of Elon rezones land as university plans upperclassmen housing

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

Elon University is one step closer to building the on-campus residence area for upperclassmen known as the senior village.

The Elon Board of Aldermen approved the rezoning of land along Williamson Avenue across from the Elon Fire Department, also known as the firehouse fields, at the regularly scheduled meeting Sept. 14. The request to rezone the property as a public institutional planning district came at the urging of the university, which owns the property.

The Williamson Avenue property is the intended location for the senior village and when built will add approximately 320 beds to campus.

University officials are still working on the finances of the project, said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology. After the finances are in order, architectural drawings will be completed and bids for the project can begin.

"There is a window to when you can start something and have it opened by the start of school," Whittington said. "If you miss it, you have to wait for the next year."

For construction to begin fall 2011 would be unlikely, he said, but fall 2012 seemed more probable.

None of the present aldermen voted against the project.

"I think that is good use of that property, and I am very anxious to see how that develops out there," Elon

Mayor Jerry Tolley said.

When the property was zoned under a town center planning district, it was more ideal for a retail setting, Elon Town Manager Mike Dula said.

"Whatever (the university) wants to build will go through a long and detailed process," Dula said. "We've changed the zoning. We didn't approve anything yet."

The senior village mirrors a similar project in Wofford College. Elon University administration met with Wofford College officials to tour the senior village and to discuss the various benefits and disadvantages of the village.

"It has been a great thing for our students," said Robert Keasler, Wofford College's vice president of operations and finances. "It's a concept of promoting interaction of buildings and outdoor space and promoting interaction between students and faculty. (The senior village) was a natural extension."

The idea for the village, Keasler said, was to bring the senior class back together before graduating and to promote neighborhood interactions.

"We wanted them to have big living spaces, living rooms, dining rooms, porches," Keasler said. "We provide rocking chairs and grills and all sorts of things. We wanted to have the feel of a neighborhood. We wanted a transition between college life and dorms to a feeling of home and a neighborhood."

The village at Wofford College was built in a series of phases and is located on campus. The location for



COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer
The university-owned property along Williamson Avenue, across from the fire department and called Firehouse Fields, was recently rezoned for student housing.

Elon's senior village is surrounded mostly by residential homes. Keasler said Wofford students didn't feel an economic impact from the senior village, and the village costs about the same as traditional residence halls.

In other Elon Board of Aldermen business:

The board also agreed to give Elon University's Campus Safety and Police

jurisdiction over the new railroad underpass. Normal jurisdiction would go to the Town of Elon Police Department.

The board also approved the following individuals to the Town of Elon Planning Board: Clark Bennett, Bob Harris and Mark Podolle as members and Ralph Harwood as an alternate member.

Town Table employees see lag in tips as students pay with meal dollars



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer
Katelyn Barbiasz serves customers at Town Table. After the restaurant worked in order to take meal dollars, waiters are seeing fewer tips because the plan doesn't allow students to add tips.

Jack Dodson
News Editor

When Town Table first opened last semester, owner Chris Russell worked with ARAMARK in order to accept meal dollars, a part of Elon University's meal plan that doesn't allow paying tips. But since then, many Town Table employees are

making less money because students aren't tipping.

According to manager Mark Bayliff, while management and employees were happy to be taking meal dollars because it brings in extra business, students who come in aren't realizing they can't tip with the plan.

"We were graciously allowed to

have meal dollars," Bayliff said. "And it's always been ARAMARK's policy that you can pay for food but you can't pay for services with meal dollars."

Jeff Gazda, regional district manager for ARAMARK at Elon, said the policy on tips has always been they are not accepted on meal dollars. He said he doesn't recall anyone from Town Table coming to talk to him about the tipping issue at the restaurant.

Bayliff said Town Table is working within ARAMARK's rules for meal dollars.

"We work hand-in-hand with them, and we're operating under their guidelines," he said.

Part of the problem, according to Laura Ingalls, a server at Town Table, is that students associate meal dollars with eating locations where they wouldn't usually tip.

"It's not realized that this is not just a cafeteria," Ingalls said. "I highly doubt that students would go into any other restaurant in town and just not tip."

She said meal dollars is a great benefit to the restaurant, though, because it allows students an extra way to pay, bringing them more business from Elon students.

Bayliff said while he's noticed the use of meal dollars has hurt the tips for the employees, he hasn't seen

anyone get less than minimum wage. According to Harvard-affiliated PayWizard.org, restaurants have to pay employees to cover a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour if they aren't receiving that much in tips.

He said the reception to the restaurant's opening has been good from the surrounding community, and because of that Town Table has done well since it opened in April.

But when students come in with meal dollars as their only method of payment, he said they don't have any way to tip the waiters.

"You put your best foot forward, treat them like they're at home," he said. "It's just frustrating."

Servers Nickie Bate and Jordan McDonough, seniors at Elon, and Tom Gaboriault, a graduate student, said they have noticed a drop in the amount of tips they receive because of meal dollars.

"I would say 90 percent don't tip," Bate said.

For Bayliff, the issue is part of a bigger one in that people aren't educated about tipping.

"It's an education process — tipping is customarily 15 percent," Bayliff said. "Some people just don't know, they don't understand tipping. More times than not, kids are coming in to pay with meal dollars and because they're not allowed to leave a tip, they're just not tipping at all."

School of Law meets goals for bar exam with 80 percent pass rate

Liv Dubendorf
Senior Reporter

After receiving an 80 percent passage rate for this year's North Carolina Bar Exam, compared to the state average of 73 percent, Elon University's School of Law announced new priorities for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Given the success of this year's class, the School of Law has a number of goals for the coming academic year, which includes increases in scholarship and minority representation.

As indicated in the plan, the School of Law would like to achieve full approval of the American Bar Association, to have at least an 80 percent passage rate for the bar exam and accept 400 students for 2011-2012 with a median LSAT score of 156 and a median GPA of 3.25.

"We hope the law school's innovative approaches to legal education become models for other law schools across the country," said Philip Craft, director of communications for the School of Law. "In addition to a rigorous program of study, Elon Law students get practical experience in the profession from the moment they enter law school, including guidance from more than 50 attorneys in the region."

In addition, the School of Law would like to enroll 12 percent to 15 percent minority students for the academic year of 2011-2012 and raise \$400,000 for scholarship funds.

"The overall bar passage rate for members of the Class of 2009, including all exams taken in several states since July 2009, is 97 percent," Craft said.

"Many of the strengths of the School of Law derive from the university's values and vision for higher education, including Elon's nationally recognized emphasis on engaged learning and its focus on leadership development in the service of others," Craft said. "The successes of Elon Law are part of the university's legacy of academic excellence and innovation in higher education."

The rate of 80 percent compares to the rate of 73 percent for the entire state. Overall, 1,046 people took the state's bar exam administered in July.

Eighteen graduates took the exam outside North Carolina, sitting for the exam this summer in Georgia, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

In order to help students prepare

BY THE NUMBERS

80% of School of Law graduates passed the bar exam in North Carolina

73% state average of law graduates who pass the bar exam

67% of people passed the North Carolina Bar Exam in 2009

400 the amount of students the School of Law hopes to enroll for 2011-2012

1,046 the amount of people who took the bar exam in the state

BREAKING DOWN THE LAW SCHOOL

for the exam and in hopes to alleviate financial concerns, the university created a program called Project Pass last summer for recent graduates of the School of Law.

Project Pass provided graduates with cost-free room and board on Elon University's main campus during the months between graduation and the bar exam. Along with lodging, the program included a meal plan and access to campus facilities, such as Belk Library and Koury Athletic Center.

In addition to Project Pass, the School of Law offers third-year students preparation courses for the bar exam.

"Elon law faculty members and mentors are available to the graduates during the summer, aiding them in learning the substantive material and handling the stress of taking the bar exam," Craft said.

Commercial bar review courses were also available for graduates. Elon University School of Law offered loans to cover the cost of these courses.

Elon plans to get more students involved in Elon Academy

Becca Tynes
Senior Reporter

Elon University plans to expand the Elon Academy, a college preparatory program focused on helping Alamance County high school students gain access to higher education, by trying to get more students interested in participating in the program.

Although the academy isn't increasing class size numbers, other students in the Alamance County community are able to take advantage of what the program has to offer.

"We received a small grant and asked each of our students to bring a friend to one of the weekly Saturday meetings that focused on the college application process," Long said. "In that way, we've gone beyond the academy and reached out to other students in the system."

According to Long, other universities are becoming aware of the Elon Academy.

"Universities are sending admissions directors from schools such as Johnson C. Smith University and Appalachian State University to recruit our students," Long said.

Twenty-two students made up the program's first class that graduated this past spring. Twenty of those students now attend four-year colleges, while the other two attend two-year colleges.

"We're very happy that all of our graduated students are now attending a college or university," Deborah Long, director of the Elon Academy program, said. "The program is proving to be very successful."

Six students from the graduating class now attend Elon. Elon freshman and Elon Academy graduate Jessica Eller said the academy helped her in countless ways. Not only did she gain study skills from attending the academy, but she said she also gained a feel for the Elon campus.

"Because I'm a first-generation college student, the academy gave me resources and connections that I wouldn't have had otherwise," Eller said.

The program is made up of four phases. The first phase, titled "The Elon Academy College Access Program," was completed last year. The phase consisted of three four-week

residential and academic experiences at Elon during the summers prior to high school students' sophomore, junior and senior years of high school.

The second phase, titled "The Elon Academy Transitions to College Program," began this summer.

"During phase two, we offered our graduated seniors the opportunity to take ENG 110," Long said. "Eleven students took advantage of the opportunity, allowing them to develop important writing skills and obtain four college credits."

"The Elon Academy College Success Program," or the third phase, began this fall. According to Long, Darris Means, the assistant director of the Elon Academy program, plans to visit each graduated student three times during the academic year at his or her college or university.

The final phase of the program, titled "The Elon Academy Alumni Program," will begin in the fall of 2011.

"At that point, we will have two cohorts of students in college," Long said. "This is the beginning of what we hope will be a peer mentoring program. We hope the students at each university will form a network

of support with one another." According to Long, although the program itself is expanding, there is no plan to enroll more students.

"Expanding the academy would require additional staff and additional financial resources," Long said. "Last year, we took 29 students and it was really just too many. For right now, we're comfortable with 26 students per class."

Although the first graduated class is off at college, there are plans to incorporate them into the lives of current academy students.

"We'll be asking our college students to come back and tell the younger students about challenges they have faced," Long said. "We also hope that they will give us feedback on how we can better prepare them for college."

With the first two phases of the program complete and the third phase well under way, the program's directors are beginning preparations for the newest incoming class.

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-DEBORAH LONG
DIRECTOR OF THE ELON
ACADEMY PROGRAM

Economy professor loses 2010 primary for U.S. Congress, plans for campaign in 2012 election

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

New Elon University adjunct professor of economics Frank Roche recently ran for U.S. Congress in the fourth district of North Carolina. The district includes the areas of Durham and Chapel Hill, and is adjacent to Alamance County, where Elon is located.

The New York Times reported that Roche received 41 percent of the vote in the Republican primary, compared to winner William Lawson's 46 percent. Although Roche lost, he plans to



Frank Roche
Adjunct Professor of
Economics

resume campaign efforts for 2012 after the midterm elections in November.

"My economic expertise is what made me succeed the way I did," Roche said.

Before teaching at Elon, Roche spent 15 years in the banking industry in New York City, specializing in currency training. He said his career made him very familiar with public policy. He moved to North Carolina three years ago.

Roche said he was inspired to run by the Obama administration and decisions being made by "the left."

"The main issues were government living above its means," Roche said.

He said his main focus while campaigning was on economics.

According to Roche, his campaign raised \$125,000, and he had 420 volunteers, including

students at schools within the fourth district such as University of North Carolina, Duke University and North Carolina Central University.

"We had a really great support group, no question," he said.

"THE MAIN ISSUES WERE GOVERNMENT LIVING ABOVE ITS MEANS ... I'LL BE MORE AGGRESSIVE ON THE SAME ISSUES THAN I WAS THIS TIME."

-FRANK ROCHE
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF
ECONOMICS

Roche said in his next campaign push, he and his staff will avoid the politics they got caught up in during this race but will stick to his platform.

"I'll be more aggressive on the same issues than I was this time," he said.

Roche said he thinks it's critical that young people in the United States take the time to vote, since the debts

the nation is currently incurring will be "laid in the laps of the youth."

"Their future is in jeopardy," he said. "They have a voice, and they should use it."

Federal stimulus money brings possibility of high-speed railway system, train stop in Elon

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

The train tracks that run through the town of Elon will soon be part of a new high-speed rail system being built across the country with federal stimulus money and state funds.

According to the Federal Railroad Association, in April 2009, the federal government launched a new initiative to improve the passenger rail system across the United States.

The new program, High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program, began in June of the same year. States were required to apply for federal money to fund high-speed rail projects.

The HSIPR program granted the Charlotte-Washington D.C. corridor \$620 million in funding. The proposed efforts will take place in three segments. The Town of Elon lies near the Charlotte-Raleigh corridor.

Scott Saylor, president of the North Carolina Railroad, said this project would definitely affect Elon and its surrounding areas.

"There's potential for a stop in Elon," Saylor said.

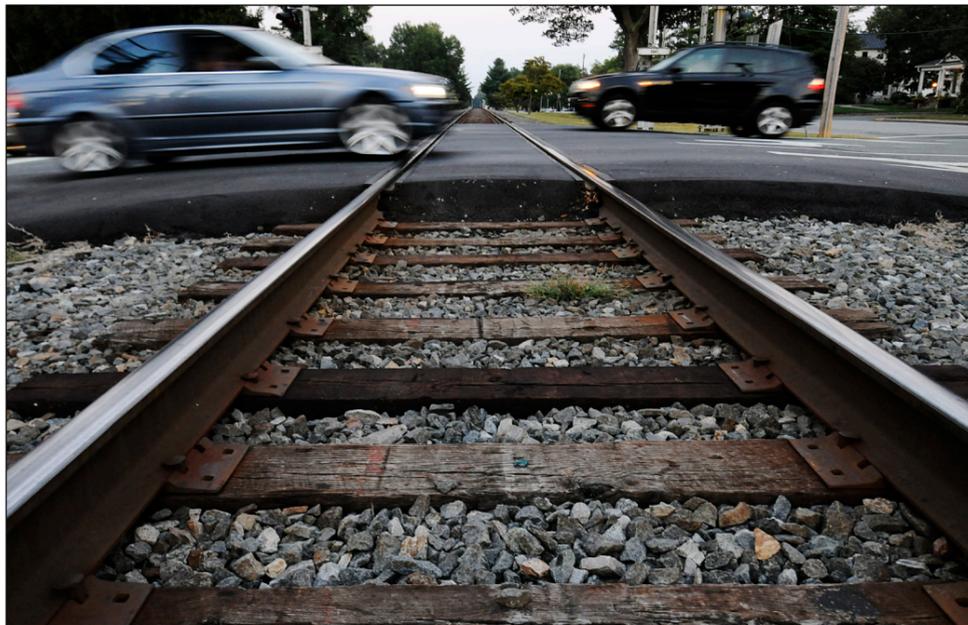
Elon used to have both a depot and commuter train stop, which was one of the

main ways students traveled to Elon University, until the building was closed in the early 1960s. He said the state was investing additional funds to supplement the federal money and is working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to build new track and bridges.

Mike Dula, Town of Elon manager, said no specific improvements for track or official plans for a station have been planned yet, but he maintains regular contact with the NCRR.

A recent study about the potential for commuter rail ridership indicated that the line between Burlington and Greensboro would be the second busiest along the span between Western Greensboro and Goldsboro, N.C., a 140-mile segment. The Town of Elon falls along this line.

The overall goal of the HSIPR Program is to decrease travel time between cities and increase the number of people using rail as a form of transportation. Saylor said a Charlotte to Washington high speed track may be eight to 10 years away, but short-term goals include increasing passenger service between Raleigh and Charlotte, which would include lines to Burlington and other spots near Elon.



A new project funded by federal stimulus money could bring a high speed train system through Elon, creating the possibility of a stop right between Greensboro and Burlington.

LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

"Greensboro would be the nearest high-speed stop (to Elon)," he said.

Dula said towns used to be able to decide the speed trains were allowed to travel within their limits, but a court ruled that speeds fell under federal jurisdiction.

Dula said freight trains used to be allowed to travel 49 mph, and passenger trains could go

59 mph. Now, passenger trains are allowed to move up to 79 mph as a result of the high-speed initiative, but he doesn't think they actually reach that speed through the town.

"I don't think they go that fast," he said. "I think they go about 70."

The HSIPR Program hopes to get track speeds up to 110 mph between Charlotte and

Washington, D.C.

"We have no plan to run faster than 90 mph between Raleigh and Charlotte," Saylor said.

Dula said the town has always worked closely with NCRR, including the recent opening of the pedestrian tunnel and the removal of several foot-crossing points in the early 2000s.

Pending stipulations, Pi Kappa Phi may regain university organization recognition by November

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any statements regarding the issue.

In conjunction with the national chapter, Pi Kappa Phi will complete some risk management sessions prior to Nov. 1, O'Shea said. It's expected, he said, the group will be recognized by the university in November and able to fully operate with the exception of remaining on social probation.

"They are doing their best to move past it," O'Shea said. "And return to recognition status on Nov. 1 strong with lots of great plans to move forward and reenergize the chapter."

Hazing was believed to be a factor in this incident, Jackson said.

"The hazing that we are talking about, that the president is talking about, is really situations where students are in physical danger when you combine alcohol with coercion," Jackson said. "Coercion being defined to include even situations where students wanting to be members of organizations believe they should act in a certain way."

While students may not be forced to drink, if there is a perceived expectation to drink excessively to gain acceptance or membership into a particular organization, it can be considered hazing, he said.

Lambert met with student leaders earlier in the month to discuss hazing

and its implications.

"Incidents of hazing — in particular those involved with lots of consumption of alcohol — cannot stand on this campus," Lambert said. "Individuals who participate and organizations that participate in that kind of activity should not be a part of this community and cannot be a part of this community."

Both Jackson and Lambert said hazing is not isolated to Greek organizations.

"We've had hazing in religious life organizations, in academic organizations," Jackson said. "It's not just Greek life or athletics."

Under the student handbook, sanctions for individuals found responsible of hazing are "not less than preliminary suspension with possible permanent separation; educational program or project, and campus restitution hours."

For organizations, the sanctions include "losing campus housing, suspension of official university recognition for one academic year with possible permanent removal of official university recognition."

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-SMITH JACKSON
VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

Organizations rarely have their university recognition taken away, said Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president of student life.

"The suspension of recognition doesn't happen very often at all," she said. "And sometimes organizations may have permanent suspension of recognition, but that hasn't happened in years and years."

An organization could lose recognition for many different reasons including one major event, Patterson said. Or a combination of violations.

"It could just be where things have added up until you really have to say, 'let's take a break, reevaluate' and then see how you do when you come back," she said.

Citing student's privacy, Patterson would not comment on the incident that led to the fraternity's losing organization recognition.

The fraternity presented its case before the Interfraternity Council, a recommending board that oversees all fraternity organization charges related to alleged violations of the honor code and Greek Life Risk Management Policies. The IFC found Pi Kappa Phi responsible and recommended sanctions that were presented to Patterson.

Pi Kappa Phi appealed the outcome to Jackson, who didn't accept the appeal.

The fraternity handled themselves professionally throughout the investigation process and will return to campus strong, Jackson said.

"Pi Kappa Phi is a very fine student organization and they have been, over the years, outstanding contributors to campus life and students' success," he said. "But no matter who the group is, we are going to hold them accountable. And we are confident after the suspension period they will be back, strong and viable."

Elon students face multiple assaults during the previous weekend

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

Three Elon University students found themselves the victims of various off-campus assaults Sept. 18.

According to a Town of Elon Police Department incident report, Elon sophomores John Patrick Riley and Joseph Michael Naso were walking on Haggard Avenue toward the main campus at 2:40 a.m.

The two sophomores passed four black men who were walking slowly on the sidewalk, also toward the main

campus. When the students passed the four men, one struck Riley on the head and demanded money from the students.

"Once we were in front of them, one hit me on the side of the head," Riley said. "I fell down and when I got up, he asked us to empty our pockets."

Riley gave the men \$50, and the suspects walked to their car at the East Gym entrance.

The suspects' car is described as an older model four-door tan Chevrolet Impala, and the students could only describe one of the four men.

The suspect that assaulted Riley is described as 6 feet, 180 to 190 pounds, having a shaved head and wearing a faded yellow long T-shirt and long blue jeans shorts.

An e-mail from Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, was sent out to the student body later in the day.

Elon police officers worked with Gibsonville Police Department to circulate the area, but were unsuccessful in finding the suspects.

Later in the evening another student was assaulted.

According to an Elon Police Department incident report, sophomore Elliot Dawes was returning home from a party when he was struck in the face by an egg.

The suspects are believed to be a group of white men in a white pick-up truck throwing eggs.

Fragments of eggshell were found under Dawes' eye and he was taken to Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Elon Police officers circled the area, but were unable to locate the article.

An arrest has been made, according to an e-mail sent out by Jackson.

Elon looks into Moodle as alternative to Blackboard

Rebecca Iannucci
Reporter

As Elon University expands its use of technology across campus, the school has begun to consider using course management system Moodle as an alternative to Blackboard Academic Suite because the current system is too expensive, according to Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology.

Blackboard, which has been in use at Elon for several years, is one of many learning management systems in the nation that both students and faculty can utilize. Fulkerson said the school also considered ANGEL Learning and Desire2Learn before deciding on Moodle as a possible alternative to Blackboard.

Ultimately, each learning management system provides comparable features for students and faculty. Both Blackboard and Moodle offer users unlimited access to their courses, while also providing outlets for communication, announcements and documents that have previously only been available during time spent in the classroom. But despite the similarities between each website, Fulkerson said the switch is mainly because of cost.

"Blackboard has gotten very expensive. It's costing us well over \$125,000 a year just to maintain the learning management side," Fulkerson said. "If we looked at Moodle, we could have it hosted off campus. It's less than \$5 per student. Blackboard is a lot more than that."

And it's not just Elon that will be making the change to Moodle. The school's potential switch to the course management system will be part of a statewide agreement to look into the site as a resource for schools across North Carolina, which Fulkerson said could bring the cost down to 50 cents per student.

Freshman Jason Puckett, who became familiar with Moodle during his time in high school, said he believes Blackboard is more user-friendly, despite its similarities with Moodle.

"It seems that Blackboard is more logically put together, and it is the easiest to navigate," Puckett said. "It doesn't seem to lack any features compared to Moodle, and it seems to be much more intuitive."

This intuition is something that Moodle has begun to emulate. Operations Manager for the website Michael Blake said the website will soon be introducing Moodle 2, which

Blackboard 9.1

- Includes a combination of tools and resources
- Upgraded material that is more personal and supportive
- Free learning facility for faculty to learn about new changes in Blackboard, which includes video tutorials and guides
- New social learning and teaching tools

source: http://talktobb.com/he_overview.html

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moodle

- Virtual learning environment
- Software is provided for free
- Moodle works on any computer than can run PHP
- Moodle is an acronym for **Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment**
- According to the website, "anyone who uses Moodle is a Moodler"

source: http://docs.moodle.org/en/About_Moodle

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will allow the system to reach new heights.

"Moodle 2 is colossal," Blake said. "It contains a huge number of core changes to the platform," he said.

Among these changes are upgrades that will allow easier access to blogging, communication and customization of the website itself.

Still, Elon may not see these changes on campus for quite some time. According to Fulkerson, the school will need to go through an extensive transition period

after making a final decision.

"You have to teach the faculty the differences and help them migrate over to the new site," Fulkerson said. "We would have a year or two of both sites working and then pull the plug on Blackboard. It's not going to be overnight."

Both Fulkerson and Blake said they believe learning management systems like Blackboard and Moodle provide a richness not previously available to students in the days before the Internet. But Fulkerson said it is the

faculty's knowledge of these learning management systems that makes a difference.

According to a statistical study performed by the North Carolina Community College System, students' experiences with both Blackboard and Moodle only differed when faculty members were not trained with the respective websites.

"There was no statistical difference between the two unless there wasn't training on the faculty's part," Fulkerson said. "We have to focus on that."

Elon aims to use more social media Measure looks to reach prospective students as well

Sam Parker
Senior Reporter

Elon University is taking steps to keep up its delivery of online content by developing a stronger presence on Facebook and Twitter, along with other social media websites, according to Dan Anderson, the assistant vice president and director of University Relations.

Facebook, Twitter and WordPress are features of the university's social media presence that students and alumni alike are using in order to gain a better understanding of what is happening on campus.

Dan Anderson, the assistant vice president and director of University Relations, said Elon is incorporating social media into its routine in order to reach people who depend on obtaining information through the Internet.

"The social media revolution is changing how people interact online," Anderson said. "And all of us are integrating Facebook, and in some cases Twitter, into our daily lives

so that we are really following the audiences."

University admissions, for example, is using multiple sources, such as Facebook, Twitter and WordPress.

"Our social networking efforts are meant to supplement our more traditional means of recruiting," said Cindy Barr, assistant dean of Admissions. "Students are still referring to official websites, literature and using their campus visit as their primary means of seeking information."

Barr said it took an initial push to get the momentum going in regards to recruiting members, but with the implementation of logos on Elon's homepage, admissions has seen a steady increase in both their fans on Facebook and the followers on Twitter. There were 616 Facebook fans and 212 Twitter followers supporting Elon, as of Monday.

This trend is allowing students to access information regarding campus events occurring at Elon more easily. As a trade-off, Barr said admissions is

obtaining more information, such as age and gender, on the demographics that are using these social media outlets.

"Facebook provides broad information about our fans," Barr said. "But we are not able to drill down to see individual behavior on the page, which protects the students' privacy. And unfortunately, Twitter does not provide as much user information about our followers as Facebook, so that activity is much more difficult to track."

Twitter has proven effective in cases of live events, though, Anderson said. Elon used Twitter this past May during commencement to update both students and alumni about the events on campus. Anderson said the university received a good response from followers and decided to continue the trend of engaging individuals through the use of Twitter for coverage of live events.

Admissions is using Twitter to update prospective students about what is happening on campus,

tweeting on special recognitions of faculty and deadlines for applications. Barr said she enjoys different aspects of the office's content on Twitter.

"My favorite feature on our Twitter feed is 'Picture Wednesday,' though, where a different shot of campus or a picture from an Elon event is shared each week," Barr said.

Elon is also experimenting with the addition of videos onto its blogs and websites as a means to offer visuals to prospective students as well as showcase the current Elon students' talents who edit them, Barr said.

In one case, Elon's International Admissions Blog: Destination Elon is incorporating videos to attract international students by providing specific answers based on prospective students' questions.

"By using social media, we can be with our prospective students, current students, alumni and parents," Anderson said. "That's where they all are, and so we want to share Elon communications through the media that people are using."

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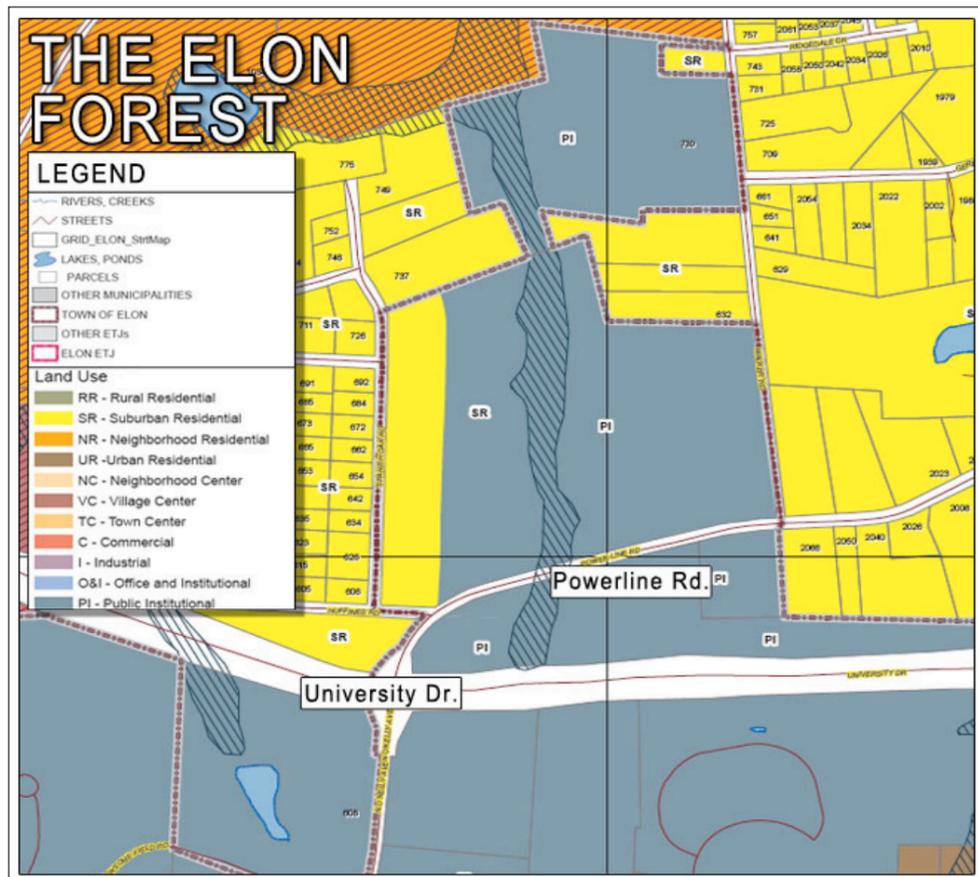
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Elon Forest supports university sustainability plan, town intends to expand development



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Elon University's administration will request the preservation of the forest at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

As construction continues throughout campus, Elon University plans for one area on campus to remain untouched. During the Board of Trustees meeting in October,

Elon's administration will recommend the preservation of university owned land, designated for an Elon Forest.

Elon acquired the forest property along University Drive and Powerline Drive in Elon approximately 15 years ago. Although a portion of the land

now houses the Colonnades and Koury Business Center, the administration will propose that the forest along Powerline Drive remains untouched.

"Ever since we owned the property it's been used as a research area for biology," said Gerald Whittington, senior

vice president for Business, Finance and Technology.

While Whittington said he acknowledges the academic opportunities the forest offers the university, he said he values the historical component of the forest, as well. The forest contains some of the oldest trees in Alamance County. The same species of trees have been destroyed in other parts of the county.

"We thought it was the right thing to do to preserve the land in its current form," he said.

Although the Board of Trustees has not yet approved the area as a no development area, Whittington said he expects the proposal will pass.

"Step one is getting the proposal approved," Whittington said, "and whatever else we do with that area will be consistent with the minimal invasive use of that space."

Preservation will not require much funding. Whittington predicts spending will not exceed the cost of signs and the construction of a few trails.

"We want to have as low of an impact as possible," Whittington said. "We want to see the wildlife come back as the animals learn that the area is a safe place to be."

Although minimal construction accommodates Elon's definition of sustainability, the Town of Elon's development plans do not coincide.

Mike Dula, Elon's town manager, said he predicts

development along University Drive, which intersects with Powerline Drive.

Dula said he does not oppose the university's proposal to preserve the forest, but encourages a mixture of the space and land use.

Sean Tencer, Elon town planner, said he believes a conglomeration of land use will promote sustainability.

While zoning once kept incompatible land uses separate from each other, present development plans include commercial, residential and industrial construction in one location.

"The new urbanist movement is more sustainable," Tencer said. "You live, work, eat and play all in the same area. You don't rely on products being shipped into your area. You start to support the local area."

But Burlington and Gibsonville borders Elon on three sides, Dula said, and developers can only move north toward University Drive.

"Everything between the Town of Elon and the area around Church Street is pretty much developed," Dula said. "University Drive is newer, and we expect to develop it later."

And despite the town's intention to expand, the location of the Elon Forest is labeled university property.

"The Elon Forest is part of the university master plan," Tencer said. "They decide where they want to build and what they want to preserve."

Students take advantage of textbook rental program

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

When Elon University freshman Ashley Watkins arrived on campus in August, there was one important item she forgot — textbooks.

"Getting things like sheets or a desk lamp for my room took precedence over books," she said. "(I) found out that I had to buy from the campus store."

Rather than buying new or used copies of the books, Watkins took advantage of a new book rental program available to students.

Operated through Barnes and Noble, the book store announced last semester a one-year trial of the rental program.

"There is always continued striving on how to keep textbook prices down and this seemed like the next logical step," said Kathy Scarborough, manager of Elon's Campus Shop.

Scarborough said 30 percent, or around 180, of the titles in the book store are available to rent.

"The cost to rent is 45 percent off of the new book price, so students save over 50 percent off the cost of a new book," she said.

Watkins said price was a big factor in her decision to rent, rather than buy books.

"When it came down to price, renting the books saved me more money," she said. "You save the money up front and don't have to search for a place that will buy your book back for a fair price."

According to the original press release from Barnes and Noble in April, students can rent the textbooks online and are also able to highlight and notate in the books. They are required to return the rentals within

10 days of finals.

Scarborough said students and parents have responded well to the program.

"We are continuing to rent books until the end of the month so the percentage (of students expressing interest) is constantly growing," she said.

If books are not returned or are not in a proper condition for resale, a fee is applied to the rental charges.

"We ask for credit card information up front in case the book is not returned, much like renting a car," Scarborough said.

One disadvantage to the program, she said, is that a used textbook sold back to the school at the end of the year for 50 percent of its price is less expensive.

For example, if a book is \$100 for a new copy and \$75 for a used copy, a rented copy would cost \$45.

"Here is the simple math," Scarborough said. "If you purchased a used copy, and we were able to give you cash back for the book because that version was being used again, you would receive \$37.50 back in cash. This would make the net cost of a used book \$37.50 (compared to) the \$45 rental fee."

Scarborough said it is too early to determine whether the program will continue next year.

Though Watkins said the Campus Shop is a good option for students to purchase books last-minute, she recommends students look online for cheaper prices before making a final decision.

"I would rent again if I was unable to find a cheaper copy elsewhere or if I needed a last minute book," Watkins said. "(But) I am certain that there are cheaper prices out there."



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
During College Coffee Sept. 14, ARAMARK presented Elon University with a \$15,000 check for Campus Kitchen Project. The gift will fund the first year of the program.

ARAMARK gift to fund first year of campus kitchen

Jack Dodson
News Editor

A \$50,000 gift from ARAMARK to Elon University will fund the first year of the university's new Campus Kitchen Project, which will bring leftover food from Elon's kitchens to the surrounding community through a partnership between the catering company and the Kernodle Center for Service Learning.

According to Jeff Gazda, resident district manager for ARAMARK at Elon, the idea for the gift came from a discussion he was having with Laurie Lambert, the wife of President Leo Lambert, who has been involved in the development of Campus Kitchen on campus.

During College Coffee Sept. 14, ARAMARK officially announced its gift to the school, handing a check during the event. Elon University President Leo Lambert spoke at the event along with representatives from ARAMARK and the Kernodle Center for Service Learning.

"This is not a university with a

wall around it," Lambert said. "This is a university that is in touch with our neighbors, and we are just thrilled to have this gift, which will support the entire first year of operations for Campus Kitchen."

ARAMARK is also providing other resources for the Campus Kitchen Projects, including equipment, storage space and expertise.

Gazda said the project is part of an effort to connect faculty, staff and students at Elon to the broader community.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone," he said.

He said although many of the dining halls don't have much leftover food after every meal, catering jobs will contribute to the project. But this is the first year of the program, he said, and he's not sure how much food will be distributed.

"We don't know yet, we haven't started, so it's a learning process for all of us," he said. "I think we'll have enough to make a difference and help some folks in the community."

Irazu introduces organic milk after price increase

Liz Moy
Reporter

Elon University students and faculty may notice something different when they take a sip of their morning coffee from the on-campus coffee shop Irazu.

Irazu began using organic milk in its beverages Sept. 13 as a result of a price increase by their former supplier, PET Dairy, and in an effort to support local farming. The milk will come from Homeland Creamery in Julian, N.C.

ARAMARK, Elon's food service provider, will continue to use PET milk.

"Since we are a local business, we want to support other local businesses," said Becky Villalobos, Irazu employee. "We know how it feels to be a small business in need of customers."

Though Villalobos said the rise in price of PET milk was not drastic, Irazu had to choose whether to stay with the company or try something different.

"It did cause us to think about the product we were receiving and in this case it was worth the change," she said.

Though PET raised its prices for Irazu, the cost remained unchanged for ARAMARK. Ryan Moore, food service director at Elon, said this is because Irazu is an independent business while ARAMARK is a larger company.

"PET has made some adjustments to prices, yet nothing drastic," he said.

According to Moore, PET



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Homeland Creamery milk deliveryman John Lineberry loads milk into the Irazu refrigerators on Monday morning. Irazu now buys organic milk from the farm.

products are considered local, because their headquarters are in Charlotte, N.C.

"We currently have many local and organic offerings that we use on a daily basis, including PET Dairy," Moore said. "PET is headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., and usually milk producers have to remain in specified areas."

According to Villalobos,

Cassie Rudd, there has been positive feedback regarding the use of the new product. Irazu has posted a sign on their counter about the milk to bring it to customers' attention.

"When people see the sign they are usually happy about it, and feel that it's a healthier choice since the milk is free from hormones and

antibiotics," Rudd said.

Though the taste has not changed drastically, there has been comment on a difference in texture.

"Some people have pointed out the creaminess of the milk and are looking for a difference in taste," Rudd said.

The new milk from Homeland Creamery also offers products in select stores

in Greensboro, Burlington and Durham, N.C.

The use of local organic milk aligns with Elon's Sustainability Policy, a movement that began in 2006 with the creation of the Environmental Advisory Council. One of the goals of the policy is conserving resources as well as purchasing more local and organic food products.

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Meacham: Jackson's presidency successful, remembered for his eccentricities in policy

Natalie Butler
Reporter

If you ask Jon Meacham, the previous editor of Newsweek magazine, former President Andrew Jackson would have loved YouTube. In Elon University's tenth annual Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture Sept. 27 in McCrary Theatre, Meacham said Jackson sought to rouse Americans politically by creating an engaging, true-to-life character, focusing on those living on the frontier and more disconnected parts of the country.

"(Jackson) understood that in a mass democracy, people needed a president that was a real live character in the drama of their daily lives," Meacham said.

Meacham in 2009 received a Pulitzer Prize for his book "American Lion: Andrew Jackson and the White House." He justified Jackson's notoriously crazy character in his speech by presenting Jackson's support of two of America's "great original sins," slavery and hostility toward Native Americans as being vital to his roles as a father figure and character of drama to the American people.

"Jackson was a critical figure," Meacham said. "I think he really did invent the modern presidency as we recognize it."

Though he appeared crazy, there was method behind his madness, Meacham said. Jackson worked behind the scenes to find peaceful solutions, deliberating while his tirades allowed for more time.

"To make all of that worthwhile, to make it matter to people as more than entertainment, you have to be able to wield executive power and bend legislature to your will," Meacham said.

Meacham said he finds a similar quality in politicians throughout history and present day.

"They are as flawed and occasionally short-sighted as all of us," Meacham said. "They make compromises in the worst sense to get what they get, and yet for five minutes along the way, they manage to transcend those human limitations and do something for the long-term good of the country."

Jackson's presidential successors saw him as inspiring because he was a dynamic figure. Meacham said he believes to be the best way to judge a president's impact is by looking at the judgments of those who immediately followed him.

Though Jackson fought on the side of slavery and the removal of Native Americans, Meacham said the president's "sinful" values were just a part of his influence in America that reverberates throughout history.

"You learn more from presidents who have great failings and great successes," Meacham said. "History is a complicated tale in which good and bad are all tangled up together."



TRACY RAETZ | Photographer
Jon Meacham, former editor of Newsweek magazine, talks about his new book on Andrew Jackson, called, "American Lion: Andrew Jackson and the White House."

Meacham said Jackson took on a cantankerous personality during times of conflict. He often intimidated those in opposition to his beliefs, including the state of South Carolina during its attempt to secede from the union.

"This is a man who had killed a man in cold blood while his own boot was filling with blood because the other man had shot him first," Meacham said. "This was not someone you picked a fight with."

Calendar: Sept. 29 to Oct. 5

Sept. 29

- * Catholic Mass on Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m., Holt Chapel
- * Meet Elon Graduate Admissions at the University of Virginia Graduate Fair
- * DC Chapter Welcome to the City
- * Michael Steele, 'The 2010 Elections - A Republican Party Perspective,' Whitley Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- * Support South Africa service-learning projects with Phoenix Cash, Moseley, all day
- * EV! tutoring interest meeting, Harden Dining Hall, 7 to 8 p.m.

Sept. 30

- * Philadelphia Chapter Welcome to the City
- * Chicago IGNITE Nite at Redmond's
- * Midnight Meals with Twisted Measure, 11 p.m.
- * EV! tutoring interest meeting, Harden Dining Hall, 7 to 8 p.m.
- * Interest meeting for advertising club 7 p.m., McEwen 210
- * Support South Africa Service-Learning Projects with Phoenix Cash Swipes in Moseley
- * Careers in Business Law panel
- * Mosques, Muslims and the Media: A forum on Park 51, the 'Ground Zero Mosque'

Oct. 1

- * Family Weekend 2010 events, Oct. 1-3
- * Collage - Yeager Recital Hall, 7 and 8:15 p.m.
- * Department of Music Faculty Gala - Oct. 1
- * Support South Africa Service-Learning Projects with Phoenix Cash Swipes in Moseley

Oct. 2

- * Chicago Chapter AIDS Run/Walk at Grant Park
- * Family and Friends Day at Elon Law
- * DC Chapter Apple/Pumpkin Picking Family Day at Cox Farm
- * Collage - Yeager Recital Hall, 6 and 7:15 p.m.
- * 5th Annual MBA Tailgate Party

Oct. 3

- * LEAF Weekly Worship and Fellowship - Sunday evenings

Oct. 4

- * Christian Karkow, opening reception Arts West Gallery, 12:15 p.m.
- * Bike and hike trip interest meetings, Koury Commons, 6 p.m.
- * Methodist Fellowship Meeting, McCoy Commons, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 5

- * Van training dates - contact Michael Williams or Drema Holder for more information
- * Bike and hike trip interest meetings, Koury Commons, 6 p.m.
- * Fairytales and Prostitutes: 20 Years after Pretty Woman Yeager Recital Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- * Student Global AIDS Campaign interest meeting, Moseley 216, 8 to 9 p.m.

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.

NEWS BRIEFS

Entrepreneurship students network in Raleigh

Students from business professor Gary Palin's Entrepreneurship Skills course attended an event in Raleigh geared at networking for entrepreneurs in North Carolina.

The event, held at Brier Creek Country Club, allowed students to network with 80 high growth and technology entrepreneurs and held a panel. The event was put on by The Indus Entrepreneurs of Carolina.

Professor elected as program chair for APSA section

Laura Roselle, professor of political science, was elected to serve as the program chair for the American Political Science Association's Information Technology and Policy section.

The APSA is an organization focused on the development of political science as a discipline, working to improve research and communication, expand teaching and learning and diversify the field, among other objectives. Roselle will serve as program chair from 2012 to 2013.

Communications advisory board members talk on panel

The School of Communication's advisory board visited Elon University's campus Sept. 24 to Sept. 26, and two of the members participated in a panel discussion about journalism.

The talk was called "The News We Watch: Is It Getting More Opinionated and, If So, Is That a Bad Thing?" Panelists included the senior producer of "60 Minutes," Michael Radutzky, and Nina Easton, the Washington, D.C. editor of Fortune Magazine and a Fox News contributor.

Professors develop undergraduate research on health sciences

Paul Miller, a professor of exercise sport science, and Eric Hall, an associate professor of exercise sport science, worked to develop a nationally-recognized division of undergraduate research devoted to health sciences.

Miller will serve as the first division chair for the newly approved Health Sciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. The division will focus on nutrition, exercise science, nursing, pre-medicine and occupational health and safety.

Library celebrates banned book week

Belk Library is currently displaying books banned around the country to celebrate Banned Book Week, which lasts from Sept. 27 - Oct. 1.

Banned Book Week is an event that celebrates the significance for the First Amendment by highlighting the freedom to read books that have been banned across the United States.

Hillel donates food to North Carolina food bank

Hillel, Elon University's Jewish group, sponsored a food drive on campus during the ten-day period between the Jewish holidays of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

Students, faculty and staff donated 137 pounds of food, which was then donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Jersey of Hudgins to be retired at family weekend game

The #19 jersey of Elon Phoenix football player Terrell Hudgins will be retired prior to the Oct. 2 game against the Samford University Bulldogs.

The ceremony will take place on the field before the scheduled game at 1:30 p.m.

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Editorial

Values of tradition and hierarchy: Elon exposes the consequences of hazing

On Sept. 14, student leaders began attending meetings with school officials to address dangerous alcohol consumption in order to promote hierarchical boundaries.

They met to discuss hazing. According to the Elon University handbook, the definition of hazing is to “annoy any person (or aid or abet) by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him/her, to subject anyone to personal indignity or danger, or to use peer pressure or innuendo to cause involuntary exercises, personal servitude, etc.”

The National Collaborative for Hazing Research and Prevention states that “hazing is any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers them regardless of a person’s willingness to participate.”

Elon is demanding that students take a stand against destructive, irresponsible drinking. While individual cases of over-indulgence in alcohol became apparent during the latter part of last year, the university shed light on the fact that some of those instances were linked to hazing activities. The desire for participation in such harmful activity is not clear, making the end result harder to control. It seems that when attempting to enforce hierarchical rules, students conceded to unnecessary demands to display loyalty.

The administration required leaders from various organizations at Elon to

participate in the meetings. The objective was to hold students accountable for their participating members, to see dangerous activities and avoid them and to respect one another in ways that reflect the university’s policies, and of course, the state’s.

“The bottom line is the incidents of hazing, particularly those involving large amounts of alcohol, shouldn’t be a part of this university,” President Leo Lambert said.

So, what of universities all over the country? More than half of the students surveyed in the National Study on Student Hazing performed by The National Collaborative on Hazing Research and Prevention have experienced hazing, and that population undoubtedly includes students from Elon University. According to an ABC News report, a 21-year-old senior at Rutgers University who was friends with sorority members who allegedly paddled a Sigma Gamma Rho pledge said, “Hazing is something that everyone knows is going on here on campus. All the fraternities and sororities use paddles here ... People are just more upset that this girl ratted — she will probably be shunned now.”

Though no accounts of this particular type of abuse have been reported on Elon’s campus, and some would be appalled if there were, this account is no different in severity in the eyes of our administration. In no way is hazing limited to Greek or

athletic organizations. Religious life, and community service organizations haze as well. Any action done to a student or an action that a student is forced to do to prove his or her worthiness is hazing.

Some subjected to these actions claim there is no harm done, but others are left with remnants of their experiences. The ABC News report told the story of Joanne, a pledge at Penn State Altoona. She said once she switched campuses as a result of being terrorized while pledging, she began receiving hateful messages and Facebook posts from the women she called her sisters. “All the sisters and pledges turned on me. My car was keyed. I was getting threatening text messages every day. The second semester I couldn’t sleep because I would have nightmares.”

The prevalence of these activities proves the problem is widespread but no less disconcerting. Those experiences cannot be completely separated from the ones that are highlighted on our campus. The tools to perform hazing rituals may be different, but the moralistic rules that stand against it are not.

As a university, our responsibility lies in the ties that bind these organizations together. Yes, the individual must make decisions to protect and preserve tradition, but our university holds the same priorities dear. Both goals can be accomplished, but not if the former endangers the future of our institution.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

I have no interest in ever flying a plane and crashing it into a building. I don’t plan on ever strapping myself to a bomb and jeopardizing other people’s lives. To be quite frank, I don’t believe in violence. But as a Muslim, this is what I am portrayed as in the media. I have no personal vendetta against this country that I call home. During these times that Islam is portrayed as “un-American,” I am here to say that I am a proud American Muslim.

Islam’s image in the United States post-9/11 is far different than the faith I practice. The horrible violent actions of that unforgettable day left the world shocked and devastated. Apart from the American family members of those who passed away because of the terrorist attacks, the most affected group of people were American Muslims, left to explain and analyze the actions of the terrorists who claimed their faith. Muslims understand and disassociate the terrorists attacks from Islam. To understand why, one must understand Islam itself.

We believe in “Allah,” the Arabic word for God. We, as Muslims, believe that Allah’s message was delivered by prophets

also acknowledged in Old Testament history: Adam, Abraham “Ibrahim”, Moses “Musa,” David “Daud” and Jesus “Issa.” Muslims believe the last Prophet was Muhammad. We pray five times a day to remember Allah in our daily routines. During the Holy Month of Ramadan, we fast from sunrise to sundown to practice self-restraint and to understand the meaning of mind over matter. Islam teaches us to love, give and to be peaceful.

Nowadays, the synonyms associated with the Islamic faith are hate, war and violence. Here’s the thing: Islamophobia took flight the moment the airplanes crashed on 9/11. Islamist extremists have succeeded in misrepresenting the entire Islamic population, and we have been left defending our faith and answering questions like, “Why do Muslims hate Americans?” There is no right answer. The actions of the extremists were not Islamic actions but actions out of hate for America. If you view the world from what your television screen shows, then your view is narrow and biased against Islam.

What needs to happen is that Americans must start educating themselves. The way to do this is looking for different outlets and ways to obtain news and accurate information. Once

a person understands Islam and its fundamentals, they then understand that peace is a desired normalcy, and that 9/11 is irrelevant to the Islamic teachings. I do also know that burning Korans as a protest will not achieve anything but further the already huge gap of misunderstanding between Islam and Christianity.

As a Muslim, I am proud to be an American. I have patience and believe understanding will occur one correction at a time. I am hopeful that Americans will someday be comfortable with having Muslims in this country again. Although the comfort was disturbed, it was not destroyed. Here at Elon stand 11 Muslim students, the most Elon has ever had. We hope to shatter the stereotypes and answer any questions anyone may have. We are ambitious and tolerant. Although we may never fly a plane, we understand the phrase “The sky’s the limit.” In saying that, we hope to create a mutual understanding and dispel the misconceptions portrayed about Islam and Muslims.

Sincerely,
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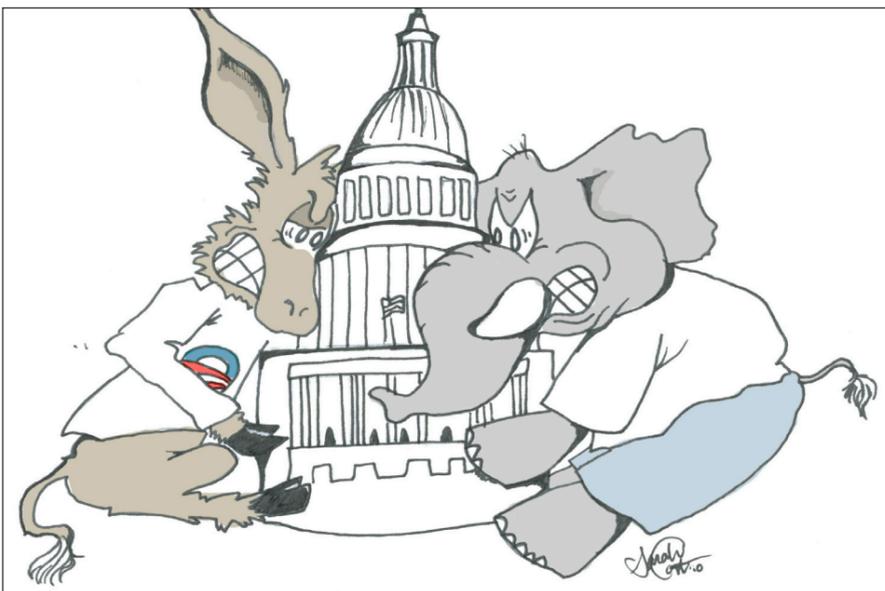
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When sobriety becomes a nuisance

Students discuss the impact their choices to remain sober have on their social lives at Elon



David Gwynn
Columnist

The consumption of alcohol on a college campus is as rampant as the brick that holds it together. The stigma of popularity, rush of a mind-altering beverage and debauchery with strangers and friends alike seems to be a widely desired experience among those entering adulthood.

But the psychology of students and alcohol takes an interesting twist when looked at from the perspective of sober

students who find themselves surrounded by those who consume alcohol and acknowledge that they are a minority.

"I don't have a problem with going out. The only thing is I don't have a cup in my hand, so that's the only difference," junior Elise Delmerico said. "I have just as good a time as other people."

But does her sobriety make those who drink uncomfortable? She said, "I don't make a big deal about it, I'm not showy about it, someone might bring it up to me who is drinking and might try to give me a hard time but I just make it a point not to make it an issue."

Delmerico said although she sometimes gets the vibe that others think she is a "good girl" and not as "fun" as other people, she is thankful she has friends who know how fun she is and don't judge her based on that decision.

Being sober isn't limited to gender by any means. Devin Donnelly, a sophomore living in the Crest Apartments said his choice to be sober. The fact that it is against the law is a small part of his decision. But he said he also feels lucky that his parents are able to pay for his education — and the least he can do is not take that sacrifice for granted by making poor decisions. He talked about his experiences being sober, and others' reactions to him.

"You'd think that if you tell them 'no I don't drink' enough they will remember it, but they

don't. I find it extremely awkward when I'm the only one at a party sober, if I'm there with someone else it's funny because then we can have our own conversation, saying, 'wow, look at that guy peeing on a car.'"

Being sober in an alcohol-saturated environment isn't easy with rampant amounts of peer and societal pressure present. One male sophomore student who will be referred to as Jake* has embarked on a kind of social experiment to discover his list of the pros and cons of alcohol.

After not drinking in high school, in October of his first year at Elon University, he began drinking. Nearly one year later he has begun an indefinite period of sobriety to compare and contrast the experiences.

"I have had fun with friends with and without alcohol," he said. "I think you really have to experience things in life and I feel like that was one of them. I also think I've learned a lot of things about myself and about others," Jake said.

He also said he experienced life without drinking in high school and drinking in college. After assessing the two, there were times he was happy, but thought the most fun could be had with things that were actually remembered.

After choosing to be sober, one of Jake's friends asked him if he was depressed because he didn't seem happy anymore. He said he was acting normally, but his friend didn't understand what was wrong or why he would give up alcohol. This is a testament to the fact that many students believe alcohol is their ticket to happiness. Elise Delmerico, Devin Donnelly and Jake all made it clear that alcohol wasn't where the "fun" or happiness of going out originated. It was about the relationships they had with their friends and the memories that could be created — and remembered.

When alcohol is a unifying factor among friends, and people seek fun and happiness solely from a drink, they usually end up not with a good time, but with a headache, poor decisions and often regret.

**Jake's real name has been changed.*

Forced acceptance promotes false sense of diversity

Discussion about current status of Greek organizations sparks debate about desire for racial integration



Robert Wohner
Columnist

On Sept. 9, D.E.E.P., or Diversity Emerging Education Program, hosted an open discussion in Moseley Center's commuter lounge to discuss if segregation should be associated with images of Elon University Greek Life.

In 1950, segregation was a loaded word. In 2010, it still is. The word can conjure up images of army barracks in World War II, 'blacks only' water fountains or Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier.

The scene of the discussion was predictable. As one student noted, white students arrived together, and black students arrived together. The mood had an awkward, uneasy tone.

The discussion outlined two main themes: why Greek organizations aren't as integrated as they should be and what steps should be taken to make change. Panelists offered to co-sponsor programs with Greek organizations, and other similar suggestions were made.

But we're going about this in the wrong way. Yes, if you strictly define people by race, Greek life is segregated. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. Substitute the word "segregation" for "preference," and no one should have a problem.

The problem with the forum was in the question itself. Had they asked, "Do most white people enjoy hanging out with other white people?" The answer would be yes. And that wouldn't be a problem.

It is unfair to target Elon's lack of racial diversity in Greek Life. By definition, a Greek organization seeks members with consistent values, attitudes and beliefs. With that in mind, chances are, members will be of the same race. This is not a problem.

Is it wrong for white people to prefer joining with other white people? Likewise, is it wrong for blacks to prefer living with blacks? Is it better when a black person prefers to live with a white person? I answer no to all of these questions.

I'm from New York City. Want diversity? You got it. People of all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs converge in a 15-mile stretch. But don't think people are engaging in a multicultural conglomeration of interracial dialogue and diversity education. You could argue it's actually quite segregated — Chinatown, Little Italy, Harlem, El Barrio. People eat their foods, speak the same language and keep many of the traditions of their homelands. And that's not a problem.

But what some in the South see as a racial divide, I see as people associating with those who share the same interests and values.

I'm not arguing people do not hate other races here or that prejudice doesn't exist. It does, and it's wrong.

Is there something to gain by people interacting and learning about other cultures? Yes.

There's an argument: unless people of different races are in the situations where they can learn about each other, they never will, and they will never find out the real connections that could eliminate racial divide. That's fair.

But racially-motivated mingling cannot be institutionally imposed. The idea that you can throw people together like a tossed salad and hope they merge seems to defeat any pure objective.

Let people be with who they enjoy being around. The classroom is where people ought to debate and explore differences of opinion and lifestyles, not at a fraternity party.

Obama's decisions confuse voters

Democratic party suffers as Americans lose faith



Ryan Maass
Columnist

Both President Barack Obama and former President Ronald Reagan have proven themselves to be phenomenal speakers in and out of campaigns and both have exhibited great ability to motivate their voter base. In addition to these qualities, both have also proposed tax cuts in businesses. In an uncharacteristic move, Obama recently announced his support for allowing companies to write off

all new equipment costs to eventually lower tax payments later. Considering the administration's strong anti-business rhetoric and policies, many voters are sure to be confused. Asking "why now?" is a legitimate question, and can be easily answered.

The Democrats are in trouble. This is no secret. As the "blame Bush" strategy begins to lose its luster, the ruling party of both houses of Congress is desperate for ammunition — even if it means spreading rhetoric that directly contradicts their actions. According to a recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, the number of voters who believe the country is moving in the wrong direction has shot up from 48 percent to 61 percent during the past year. If that's not enough to make the Democratic National Committee cringe, add the fact that voters most enthusiastic about showing up at the polls heavily favor Republican candidates.

But the Democrats are not going to simply let their grip on Washington slip away — not without a fight.

If Obama was serious about the supply-sider's approach to stimulate economic growth through encouraging employment, his legislative onslaught on the American economy would not have taken place to begin with. He would push for the extension of the Bush tax cuts. He would ask Congress to cut spending — drastically. According to business lobby groups, business owners report more concern over letting the Bush tax cuts expire than being allowed to write off new equipment. Moreover, it would be a pretty bad time to request an additional \$50 billion from Congress for an overhaul on infrastructure.

Politicians will always behave like politicians. Requesting contradictory legislation is nothing new, but it's important to note that this is election season. After two years of a failed "stimulus" and the less-than-transparent passage of controversial laws, the passion is without a doubt on the side of the conservative base. The anti-incumbent wave that has been hitting the political elite hard favors Republicans 49 percent to 40 percent. In the fiery eyes of an angry electorate, Democrats are not loved.

To be sure, cutting taxes on businesses is an easy way to boost employment. It would be a great way to reach across the aisle and quell the bickering between both parties. Alas, this president has no bipartisan intentions. Cutting taxes must be coupled with cutting spending. Obama and his allies are in combat mode. In his own words, "If I fail, they win."

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PLAID FESTIVAL

held in the village of Alamance

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Village of Alamance residents gathered at Lutheran Church Ball Fields for the fifth annual Plaid Day Festival on Sept. 25. Festivities included face painting, hay rides, horse rides, inflatables, food vendors and live musical entertainment.

"It celebrates our heritage," said Cathera Bundren, the village of Alamance mayor.

Although modern society would not consider the village of Alamance a fashion capital, 150 years ago the town was a leader in the textile industry. Plaid Day celebrates the E.M. Holt Mill, the first manufacturer of the plaid south of the Potomac River. The mill, located along Alamance Creek, produced the plaid pattern, once called "Alamance Plaid."

"As my understanding, a Frenchman came through and was broke," Bundren said.

And he sold the method for the pattern to Mr. Holt for a nominal fee. From there on, all the mills in Alamance County began making colored fabric.

Planning for the festival began in February, Bundren said.

"We started contacting vendors to see if they could come out and sell their wares," she said. "Then we had to get the venue, and the third thing was to make sure we had food vendors as well as selling vendors."

In addition to commercial organization, Kopper Top participated in the town festival and organized activities for younger attendees. Kopper Top Learning Center non-profit organization that provides non-clinical therapy through therapeutic horseback riding, recreational therapy, animal-assisted therapy, and horticulture therapy to individuals with or without disabilities.

"Each year the organizers of the fair ask us to bring the animals out here to interact with the people and give the children and the community an activity," said Deborah Meridith, the executive director of Kopper Top. "So we bring the horses out here and they do pony rides."

Bundren described the atmosphere as festive and said Plaid Day attracted a mixture of both young and old residents.

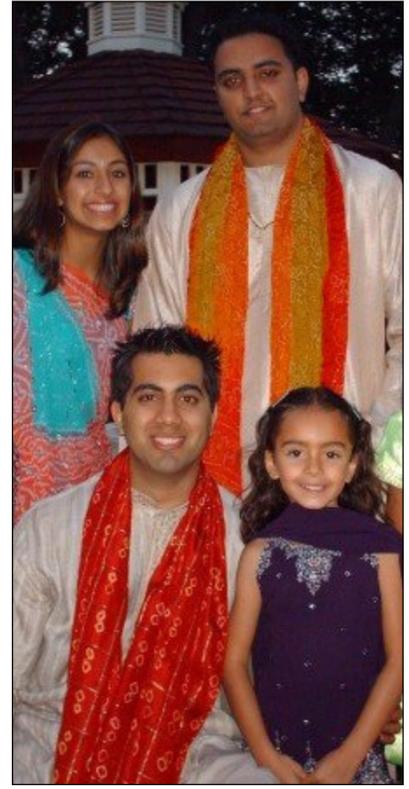
"The day is significant to me as a 'village-tonian,'" she said. "And it's a chance to meet your neighbors. That's for sure."



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The Plaid Festival is held annually in the Village of Alamance, N.C. Top photo: Musicians perform live bluegrass music. Middle: A young boy plays ball with his friend at the festival. Third from top: A tiger shaped bounce house offers a place for children to play. Fourth from top: Adults help a young girl to finger paint. Bottom left: A young boy rides a Pinto horse from Koppertop.



Raj Rawal's cousin is pictured above in the traditional Hindu wedding. The wedding ceremony is one of the most celebrated rituals in the Hindu faith.



Freshman Opal Patel (top left) with her family.

Hinduism at Elon

Hindu students faithful at Elon, even without formal organization

Bonnie Efirid
Features Editor

Nine-hundred million people practice Hinduism, according to hubpages.com. That is 14 percent of the world's population. But despite Hinduism's large global following, there is only a handful of Hindu Elon University students.

Although Elon University was founded with the United Church of Christ, the school aims to embrace diversity in both race and religion—there are plans in the works to build a multi-faith center.

There is not a formal Hindu club or organization equivalent to the large Christian groups like InterVarsity.

To Elon junior and practicing Hindu Raj Rawal, though, this does not matter. He said he remains devoted to his individual practice despite Elon's lack of Hindu fellowship.

"I've practiced every morning since I was 5 years old for five minutes and do a prayer to the sun (Suriynarayan Puja)," Rawal said. "Wherever I am when I wake up, I always do this," Rawal said.

Elon freshman and Hindu Opal Patel said she does not have the time or outlet at Elon to keep up their practice. Patel said she grew up in Cary, N.C. in a strongly united Hindu community.

"I haven't been good with keeping up with my religious practices here, but I do have my parents to call me so that they can remind me when something is going on," she said. "My family is very religious, and this time of the year is filled with a lot of pretty important days pertaining to our faith."

Despite the small numbers and lack of a formal campus organization, the Hindu students at Elon said they generally feel they are accepted here at Elon and have not had any problems with the Judeo-Christian dominant society.

"Everyone is supportive and curious of my practices," Rawal said.

In Sept. 2009, Rawal held an Aarti ceremony throughout the week of the Navratri holiday.

"Many people came to my room to participate in the Puja and wrote their world religion papers on it," Rawal said.

The Navratri holiday (Navratri means nine nights) is nine nights and 10 days of worship and dance dedicated to nine forms of Shakti/Devi. (Shakti and Devi are synonymous. They are referred to as The Great Divine mother

in Hinduism, which represents the core form of every female Goddess.)

Even though there is no on-campus Hindu temple to practice in at Elon, there are Hindu temples in the area.

"Cary (N.C.) just built an all new temple, and it is beautiful," Rawal said. Rawal typically sticks to individual practice in his room, however. "I practice in my room with my little statues," he said.

Elon may embrace religious diversity, but it is not flourishing on its own here by any means, according to Rawal.

"It is in no way near strong, it needs tons of help," Rawal said. "This is not anyone's fault, though, people just do not know about the school (Elon) who are Indian."

Rawal emphasizes that larger state schools have a higher Indian and Hindu population.

"The Indian community is much more popular at state schools such as UNC, Rutgers, UCLA, UT, UGA and UMD," Rawal said. "In high school, I was the president of South Asian Student Society of America, where we did many dance events." For this reason, Rawal said he misses his involvement in the Hindu community.

Patel and Rawal said the most important aspect of their faith does not rely on strength in numbers. Rather, they all acknowledge what they think is the deeper purpose of any faith—guiding principles that enrich life and give it meaning.

Patel said she gains moral strength and respect from her faith, and that is what Hinduism is to her.

"I think the main thing that I've been taught growing up is the morals that lie in Hinduism," Patel said. "I guess just respecting other people's faith, but also maintaining my faith by respecting nature, books and knowledge."

To Elon senior and practicing Hindu Neha Sampat, Hinduism can sometimes be misunderstood.

"Hinduism teaches that 'God' can have many characteristics and many traits and can reveal himself in many different forms," she said. "This is why we give him different names and physical embodiments. Given this, we also believe that Jesus or Allah or other important religious and secular figures can be considered 'God,' but this is a hard concept for many people to accept."

Although Hinduism may be misunderstood by some, Rawal,

Sampat and Patel agree that Elon strives for religious respect.

Although he said he recognizes the religious respect here at Elon, Rawal also acknowledges that not having an on campus organization is unfortunate. Rawal said he does not expect a Hindu organization is in the near future.

"In reality, this will not happen for a while, but I would love for it to

happen," he said.

Those like Patel, Rawal and Sampat said they look forward to the possibility of the multi-faith center strengthening the Elon Hindu community.

"I think the multi-faith center is a great idea for people who have very strong beliefs — it will help educate everyone about other people's faith," Patel said.

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A whole new world:

A student's experience at Disney World

Alex Trice
Online Editor-in-Chief

Elon senior Mike Milano lived an ordinary childhood. He was born in New Jersey and grew up in Maryland. He played baseball, he scraped his knees.

"I was just a normal kid," he said.

When Milano came to Elon University, he majored in political science. And, like many college students, he applied for an internship—at Disney World. Milano said applying for the internship was the result of a spur-of-the-moment decision when he was playing an online Hannah Montana game with his 8-year-old sister.

"My sister said 'you should apply and then I could come visit you.' So I applied, and I got it, and she did come visit me. She had a blast," he said.

After receiving the internship, Milano took a break from studying last fall semester and traveled to Orlando, Fla., where he lived in college program student housing provided by Disney.

"The rooms were tiny," Milano said. "No closets or anything. But the complex itself was nice, like a resort."

Milano then began training to impersonate Prince Aladdin in Disney parades. Part of his training included spending three days in waving school.

"If you are a character on a float, you have to learn how to wave," Milano said. "There's a certain way to point in Disney. You use your hand or two fingers and point but not like a gun, because that's offensive."

After learning the proper form and technique for acceptable waving, Milano was measured for his costume.

"I got down there and was a quarter of an inch too short," he said. "You have to be a certain height so that if

Jasmine wears high heels, she won't be taller than you."

Although his Aladdin days ended before they even began, other opportunities were in store for Milano.

He was reassigned to ticketing, where he had to sit in a booth all day, but was soon offered the chance to work with Disney World's partner in business, Cirque du Soleil.

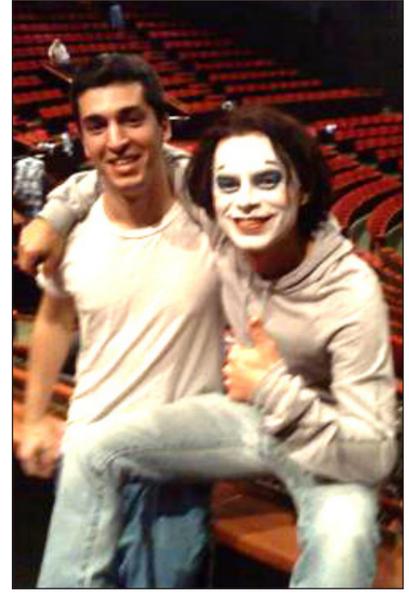
"It's a pretty breathtaking building," Milano said. "I was like, how did I get here?" This place is huge; I definitely

don't fit in here. But as soon as I got in there, it didn't feel as big as it looks. It's pretty welcoming, too."

Milano trained four months for Cirque du Soleil. He spent several hours each day jumping on industrial strength professional trampolines.

"Never once did I bounce as hard as I could," Milano said.

On stage, Milano would bounce on the trampolines and do various back flip tricks. He also filled in for other Cirque performers when they were injured on the show.



Top right: Mike Milano pictures (left) with castmate from Cirque de Soleil. Bottom: Photo taken during Cirque de Soleil performance.

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Opening the lines of communication: Speaking about tough issues in America and the world

Marlena Chertock
Design Editor

Sometimes the toughest issues have to be discussed to make progress. In lieu of this, the Isabella Cannon Centre hosted a talk about Islam on Sept. 15.

"We're not able to communicate on a level like this, just talking," freshman Muhammad Musah said during "A Conversation About Islam, America, World Events and Individual Responsibility." "Talking is a great thing. Just protesting, shooting each other is not working."

Musah, along with several other students and professors, gathered in the Centre for the talk. Associate professor of political science Betty Morgan was one of the people who came up with the idea.

"This is such an important, critical time to start the conversation," she said. "I didn't want people lecturing. I wanted people talking to each other as freely as we could make it. I would sit on the floor and put popcorn out."

Attendees of the discussion sat on chairs and sofas arranged in a circle in the Centre where everyone could easily see the others. It was a respectful atmosphere, where people were attentive when others spoke.

The idea for the discussion was first brought up by freshman Toorialey Fazly, a student from Afghanistan, Morgan said. Morgan said she wanted to bring in professors from various disciplines and various religious leaders, though some never got back to her. She said she plans to keep trying to bring them in. Fazly was unable to attend the talk because he was hit by a car earlier that day while riding his bike.

"This is the very first (talk)," Morgan said. "I want to keep it going. We'll

be here, we'll be talking, every other Wednesday night."

The talk focused on issues of Muslims in America, Terry Jones' threat of burning the Koran and the Muslim Community Center planned to be built in New York City.

For a while, Islam wasn't on people's radar, Morgan said.

"All that we as Americans know about Islam is flying carpets, genies and belly dancers," sophomore Neima Abdulahi, a Muslim, said. "Now Americans see it under a new light: terrorists, hate, violence, killing. These have become synonymous with our religion."

Musah, who is also of the Muslim faith, agreed with Abdulahi.

"Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden have become synonymous with Muslim," he said. "How do you erase that label, that connection?"

Abdulahi said Americans and non-Muslims are not the only ones who were affected by Sept. 11.

"As American Muslims, we are left answering questions, with confusion about ourselves," she said. "We became PRs (public relation) for our own faith."

When pastor Terry Jones threatened to burn the Koran, Musah said he believed it affected everyone.

"I live 10 minutes from Ground Zero, and I've never seen anything so hateful," he said. "That an American would have so much hate in his heart,

this time it really hit home."

Senior James Pope, a Christian, offered a voice from another side.

"The only thing I can equate the Sept. 11 attack with is Pearl Harbor," he said. "I can't see something being built so soon, so close (over top of it). (Muslims) have the right to build it (the community center) there. But I just think was that location necessary? It's too soon."

Abdulahi addressed Pope's concern by explaining that it is a lot to ask people to wait indefinitely.

"Going forth with it (the community center) will cause solutions, help issues, because it may never be a perfect time," she said.

Musah said building the mosque might show that America is maturing or regressing as a nation, based on the subsequent actions.

Dean of International Programs and director of the Centre Woody Pelton said the war the United States is engaged in has no set end date.

"This isn't a war between nations — who would sign a treaty if it ended?" Pelton said. "This is a war against what I would call an 'ism' — terrorism. Like war on poverty or gender equality, well, when is it over? These are wars that just don't end."

Abdulahi brought up the question of what the U.S. can do to minimize hatred and lessen gaps that are forming.

When lines are drawn, it becomes dangerous, sophomore Jasmine Whaley, who is a Christian, said.

Morgan asked attendees to explain their personal responsibility in such issues.

Whaley said people have to go the extra mile to get more information.

"It's not a hard concept to grasp, but it's hard to implement," she said.

Whaley said how, as a student, she is extremely busy and life continually gets busier. She said she considers herself a very politically conscious person. But those who are not don't always go that extra mile.

Whaley said she wishes the media would make these stories more accessible to people, so they don't have to read five different articles to get the full story, because not everyone will do that.

Associate professor of communications Brooke Barnett said it is impossible not to cover these kinds of issues in the media. But then it becomes a question of how to do so ethically, she said.

"To bring up these conversations," senior Samantha White said. "Exposing it, educating people, word of mouth. You can't just sit by because if you don't correct people, who will?"

Barnett said people have to take what power they have and use teachable moments to enact the change they can.

"Continue the conversation outside here," Pope said. "As long as we have conversations, we can only move forward."

Morgan said she will continue to offer these talks.

"This is what I can do," she said. "Get people who care to talk. I think it's important. I'd do it five years from now if I thought it would help."

"AL QAEDA AND OSAMA BIN LADEN HAVE BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH MUSLIM. HOW DO YOU ERASE THAT LABEL, THAT CONNECTION?"

—MUHAMMAD MUSAH
ELON UNIVERSITY FRESHMAN

New organization teaches about microfinance

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

A new semester means new professors, new classes and new opportunities to get involved on campus. This fall, Elon University students can get involved in Elon's Microfinance Initiative, a club to teach the basics of microfinance and give interested students hands-on experience in the area.

Senior finance and economics major Amelie Busch is the president of the new organization. She said the idea surfaced in spring of 2008 and was officially approved last April.

"We had 41 students sign up (at the organization fair) and we've had a number of organizations (on campus) reach out to us," she said.

The first interest meetings of the year were held last Thursday Sept. 16 and Monday Sept. 20, and regular members who have paid their \$10 dues will have meetings every other week. Busch said there are two openings on the executive board for students interested in leadership positions. She said the club will be divided into two areas.

"We really want to have a big focus on hands-on experience with microfinance," she said.

Elon's Microfinance Initiative has

partnered with the Grameen Bank and ACCION USA, two international organizations dedicated to microfinance endeavors. Muhammad Yunus, the founder of the Grameen Bank, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his work fighting poverty through micro-credit programs in impoverished areas of the world. ACCION USA provides microfinance solutions to small businesses in the United States.

Students focused on the "hands-on" portion will work with local businesses to go through the steps of applying for a loan. The Initiative may then refer these businesses to the Grameen Bank or ACCION USA.

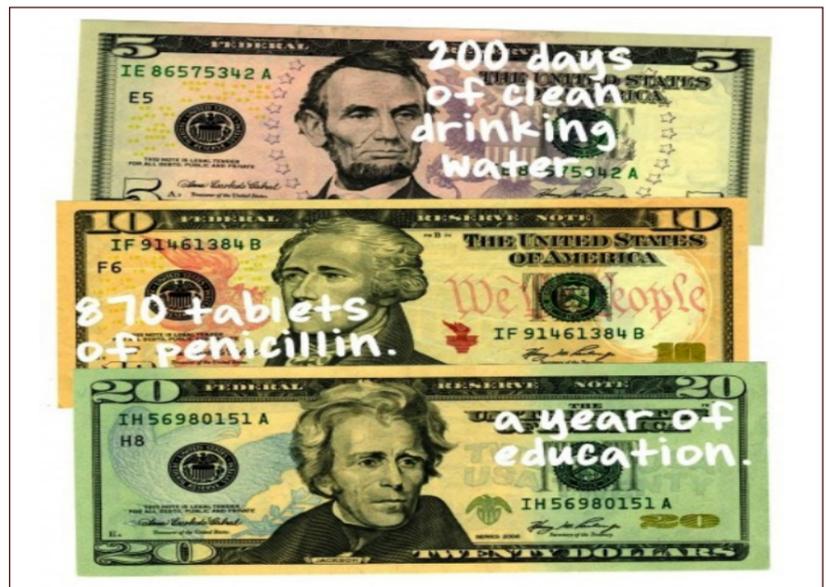
Busch said the second half of the organization will be focused on education about microfinance.

"It's open to all academic years," she said. "We're looking for everyone from human services to sociology to international relations."

Busch stressed that the emphasis on the club spans many academic fields and he hopes students who come are dedicated to developing the organization.

"I would love to see those who are passionate about the subject and want to learn about microfinance," she said.

Kelly Cavanaugh, a sophomore



GRAPHIC SUBMITTED BY PERICLEAN SCHOLARS

Elon's new Microfinance Initiative teaches students about microfinance and uses comparisons, like above, to show students how their money can be used to help businesses in need.

marketing major, became interested in microfinance after reading "Creating a World Without Poverty" by Muhammad Yunus.

"Instead of donating funds or canned goods that will be used and finished in a week, we can help people

realize their own potential," she said.

She thinks the Microfinance Initiative will be a successful club at Elon, because it combines sustainability and helping the world, two things that she says interest Elon students.



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Gerald Whittington, vice president for Business, Finance and Technology, moonlights as a singer for Bel Canto Company. Whittington has performed for a number of other elite choral groups.

Gerald Whittington: A man for many seasons

David Turkel
Reporter

By day, Gerald Whittington is the vice president for Business, Finance and Technology at Elon University and is responsible for supervising seemingly everything on campus, from Human Resources to Physical Plant to auxiliary services such as the campus bookstore and dining services.

By night, Whittington sheds his VP label and becomes a singer. And "singer" in this context doesn't just mean a karaoke bar frequent. Whittington sings for Bel Canto Company, which, according to Bel Canto's website, is "a choral ensemble of professional singers that present exceptional, innovative and engaging choral performances for diverse audiences."

Whittington's passion for music started early. Growing up living in various European countries, including France, England and Germany, he sang with boys' choirs wherever he went. Whittington said one of his biggest musical influences was a choir director in Germany he refers to as "Herr Wolf."

Whittington said Wolf told him that he had talents and that he should pursue singing. Wolf said he thought Whittington had the potential to be a good singer.

"Good" may have been an understatement. After moving to the United States, attending the North Carolina School of the Arts and taking voice lessons, Whittington went on to receive his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina

and an MBA from Duke University. But after college, he had to choose whether to pursue a full-time music career. Whittington decided against it, because of the type of singing voice he has.

"I'm a lyrical baritone; they're a dime a dozen," he said. "If I were a tenor, I'd have rolled the dice (and pursued a music career)."

Still, as Whittington puts it, he has found other ways to "keep (my) hand in music."

Before joining Bel Canto in 1992, Whittington performed for a number of other elite choral groups, such as the Atlanta Choral Guild. In addition to singing with Bel Canto, he also sings for the choir of Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill.

Along the way, he has worked with some of his greatest musical influences, including conductor Robert Shaw with the Atlanta Symphony and Chorus, and composer and conductor Jon Rutter, whom he performed with last year in Raleigh.

Welborn Young, the conductor of Bel Canto and a music professor at UNCGreensboro, said he respects Whittington as a talented singer.

According to Young, Whittington is not only a fantastic singer, but also a fantastic person to be around.

"(Whittington's) musical contributions are quite noteworthy," Young said. "I have called on (him) many times throughout my tenure to be a soloist; he is a leader within the bass/baritone section. I count on (him) not just musically but as a friend as well. I greatly respect (him) and enjoy our time together."

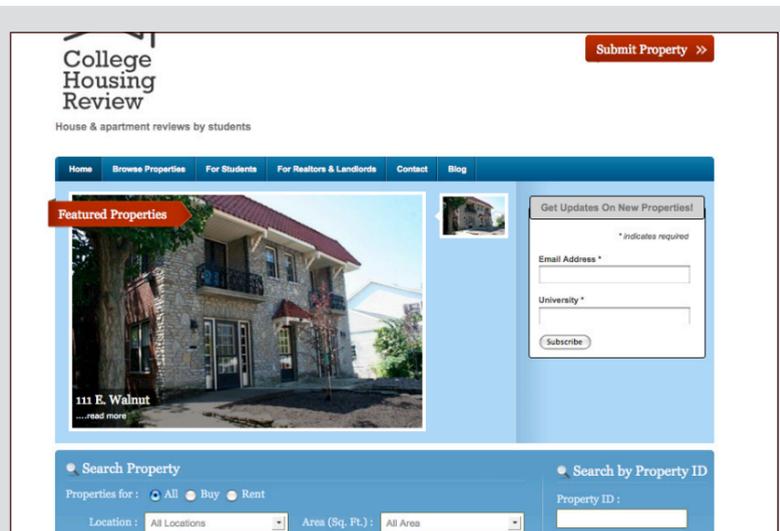


PHOTO FROM COLLEGEHOUSING.COM

This new housing web site allows college students to search for apartments other students have rated. The web site was started by Ben Philabaum, a Miami University Senior.

New rating website dishes up the truth about off-campus housing

Kyra Gemberling
Reporter

For some college upperclassmen, renting a house off-campus can be as intimidating as it is exciting. With the new website CollegeHousingReview.com, recently launched by a Miami University senior, an online commentary system is now available for students.

Similar to sites such as RateMyProfessor.com, the editors of College Housing Review write that students can leave comments about their off-campus house or apartment and give basic information about each property such as price, location and amenities.

College Housing Review also gives information about the condition of the facilities. This allows prospective tenants to be more informed about the space and make conscious decisions about whether it is really what they want.

"I heard too many horror stories from friends who were unhappy with their living situation," Ben Philabaum said, website founder and Miami University senior. "In the past, the only experience a student had of a property before renting it was a short walk through. Now with College Housing Review, students can read

the opinions of any past tenant."

Also, because fellow students post the comments, editors of the website claim that tenants will receive honest opinions about the property without the sugarcoating given by realtors or landlords.

"We saw too many students rush into leases and later regret it," said the editors of CollegeHousingReview.com. "We realized that during viewings, students couldn't be honest with one another while the realtor was standing right there. So with College Housing Review, you can tell others if your apartment is infested with spiders or not."

Elon Freshman Emily Forinash said she thinks the website is a great idea because of the convenience it provides for college students.

"I think it's a really good tool to have before totally committing to an off-campus living environment," she said. She said she can definitely see herself using it in the future as an upperclassman because "it would be a good way to sort out which places suit me best."

Elon currently has no properties listed on the site currently, but students can go online to CollegeHousingReview.com, list their residence and rate it for other potential tenants to view.

Burlington native finishes work on the set of 'Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides'

Eva Hill
Copy Editor

Burlington resident and makeup artist Dean Jones just got off the set of the fourth installment of "Pirates of the Caribbean," and is now working on his own production company, Atlantic and Pacific Pictures, which will make films based in North Carolina.

Starting at age 7, Jones has been working in television and film for 25 years. His inspiration came from the filming of a Dick Clark film in Graham and the bullet hole makeup used on set. He had an interest in Halloween makeup and began his career by working with small productions in high school and at UNC Greensboro, where he attended college.

Jones now lives in Los Angeles and said it's the place to be for careers in television and film, but he also enjoyed working in Transylvania and continues to enjoy working in North Carolina.

He said the makeup department on the set of "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" did a lot of work on set and sometimes worked 14-hour shifts that stretched into the night.

"The biggest thrill was being on the Black Pearl pirate ship," Jones said. "What more could one want?"

Jones won an Emmy Award for his work on the television series "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" and has been nominated for six other Emmys.

Jones said Dennis Hopper was one of the most interesting people to work with. He said he likes to work with older actors because of what they've been able to experience.



Dean Jones, a Burlington-based makeup artist, touches up a bloody facade from his latest project, "Night of the Living Dead." Jones has worked in the movie industry since he was a child.

"He was a treat to work with because he came from a generation where he got to work with actors like James Dean, and those people are gone now," he said.

Jones said he loves working in the horror or suspense genre but also enjoys working on war films, like "Jarhead."

"I helped build the severed body parts and blood for the 'Dexter' pilot, and also some of the blood used on 'House,'" Jones said. "Effects makeup is my favorite because it's not boring. I love making severed limbs and monsters."

Aside from working with makeup, Jones has tried his hand at acting, directing and scriptwriting. He also works with a company called American Makeup and Effects and another called hollywoodfx.net, which offers makeup effects and services. He said he also has film and television

projects in the works.

"I wanted to do it all, and I did it all, eventually," he said.

Jones said he's fortunate to have been able to have these experiences, and travel around the world to work on various projects.

"Every film is a new experience," Jones said. "There's a small circle of makeup artists and it's a treat to see your friends again, as an artist."

He's currently working on an annual project called "The Original Hollywood Horror Show," which is an indoor showcase of makeup and horror effects. The event starts the last weekend of September and runs through the first weekend of November. The event is held in Snow Camp, N.C., and tickets can be purchased online or at the event.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

Ben Affleck runs 'The Town':

Actor/director/writer makes movie magic again

Nolan Elingburg
Reviewer

Ben Affleck does it all in his newest film, "The Town", which he wrote, directed and stars in. The Boston-based heist thriller is his second successful attempt at directing after his directorial debut in 2007's "Gone Baby Gone."

"The Town" is set in Boston in a neighborhood called Charlestown, a place known for crime, especially robberies. And that is just the kind of business Affleck's character is in.

Affleck plays Doug MacRay, a former professional hockey player who threw it all away and is now the architect behind a series of bank and armored car heists, backed up by a crew of fellow miscreants.

MacRay's trigger-happy best friend Jem, played by Jeremy Renner ("The Hurt Locker"), causes problems when he kidnaps and releases assistant bank manager Claire (Rebecca Hall) in the crew's first heist in the movie.

When Jem finds out Claire lives near the crew in Charlestown, he wants to finish her off because she's the only person who could give them up to FBI Special Agent Frawley, played by "Mad Men"'s Jon Hamm.

MacRay doesn't let that happen and insists on following Claire, so he can get close to her to find out what she has told the FBI. Unexpectedly, their relationship becomes romantic and the two fall in love.

MacRay decides it's time for him to make a change and get out of the robbery business after he visits his father (Chris Cooper) in prison and realizes it's not the life he wants.

There's only one problem: MacRay and his boys are forced to take on their biggest heist yet before he can move on with his life and finally make it out of Charlestown and his checkered past.

There is further shady dealing, blackmail and betrayal in this classic story of good girl-meets-bad boy, but with a violent and criminal twist. MacRay and Claire's relationship becomes the target of both sides of the fight — the cops and robbers, as it were.

The intensity of "The Town" can be credited to Affleck's newly found directorial skills. If robberies weren't already tense and scary situations, they are increased tenfold by Affleck's use of creepy masks to conceal the robbers' identities. And, like all great action thrillers, Affleck incorporates a lengthy car chase involving MacRay's crew with machine guns in a minivan, being chased by Boston's finest police squad.

"The Town" is already being talked about as one of the year's best films. Renner, who delivers another Oscar-worthy performance, could potentially be nominated for the second year in a row after being nominated for last year's Oscar-winning best picture, "The Hurt Locker."

Affleck, on the other hand, has now revitalized his career by becoming a director and has proven with "The Town" that he is here to stay.

Not to mention he can still act, especially if the role requires a thick Bostonian accent.

Film buffs rejoice: Carolina Theatre now showing classic movies

Alexa Johnson
Senior Reporter

Going to the movies is expensive — really expensive.

Luckily, the historic Carolina Theatre in Greensboro is more Elon-budget friendly. The coolest part? The 83-year-old Carolina Theatre is just 20 minutes away from Elon University and plays classic movies a few times a month.

Here are the classics scheduled for the 2010-2011 season.



The gilt interior of the Carolina Theater in Greensboro will host several classic films.

'Nightmare on Elm Street' (1984)

Oct. 12
The original Wes Craven masterpiece with Johnny Depp. The good one (relatively speaking).

'Phantom of the Opera' (1925)

Oct. 26
One of the most famous musicals in history, even though it's a silent film.

'Rocky Horror Picture Show' (1975)

Oct. 30
Still have no idea what actually goes on? Maybe watching this cult classic on the big screen will help. It's catchy even if you're clueless.

'Casablanca' (1942)

Nov. 16
Back when Hollywood used to do good romantic films, Casablanca stole the show even then.

'It's a Wonderful Life' (1946)

Dec. 14 and 15
The timeless Christmas film is not to be confused with Life is Beautiful, there are no Nazis involved.

'Where Eagles Dare' (1968)

Jan. 11
Nazis. Castles. Clint Eastwood. What more could you want?

'Roman Holiday' (1953)

Feb. 7
Perfect for ladies night, Audrey Hepburn exudes classic charm.

'Sabrina' (1954)

Feb. 8
The Carolina Theatre must be fond of Audrey.

'Breakfast at Tiffany's' (1961)

Feb. 9
Have you ever wondered why so many girls have posters of Hepburn? This would be why.

'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' (1975)

April 12
One of the most loved and quoted movies ever made.

'Gone with the Wind' (1932)

May 3
Frankly, it's long. But this Civil-War set film is wonderful.

For more information about showtimes and how to purchase tickets, visit www.carolinatheatre.com.



Giving thanks:

UNCG celebrates Chinese Moon Festival

At the Chinese Moon Festival at UNCG, aspects of Chinese culture, such as the kung fu fan dance (above left) and traditional kung fu (above right) were on display to festival-goers. The Moon Festival is the Chinese celebration of thanksgiving.

Edith Veremu
Reporter

While many students wait until November to go home for Thanksgiving, thanksgiving festivities have already taken place for some students, with the moon at its fullest.

A group of Elon University students visited the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Sept. 18 to partake in the celebration of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, which was sponsored by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and UNCG's International and Global Studies Program. Francois Masuka, the director of international student and faculty scholar services, and Grace Huey-Yuh Lin, a professor of Chinese, organized the trip and accompanied students.

"We are on a mission to train students to be global citizens," Masuka said. "It's only fitting that we expose Elon students to the festival. You've got to understand the culture of that language that you're learning and such comprehension takes place in the form of such festivals."

Every 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese calendar, Chinese and Vietnamese communities celebrate Zhongqi, the Moon Festival. The festival, which has been celebrated for more than 1,000 years, is a time for reflection, family unity and thanksgiving. The festival was celebrated on Saturday instead of Wednesday, the day it falls on, because no one wants to celebrate in the middle of the week, said Roberto Campo, the director of the International and Global Studies Program at UNCG.

According to a popular Chinese legend about the Moon Festival, around 2170 B.C., Earth's 10 suns scorched her with their heat. But the earth was saved when Hou Yi, an authoritarian archer and ruler, shot down nine of the suns. Because of his heroism, Yi was given the elixir of life, which his wife Chang'e found and drank in order to save her people from her husband's cruel rule. Chang'e floated to the moon and Hou Yi didn't shoot the moon because of his love for his wife.

The celebration is part of UNCG's strategic plan to enhance diversity on its campus, Campo said. The college's

International and Global Studies Program was started in 1962 and has received a Title VI (A) grant from the Department of Education, which has allowed the college to hire associate professors to teach Japanese and Chinese, Campo added.

Musical performances and martial arts demonstrations were a large part of the festivities on Saturday. Members of the Greensboro Chinese Association performed the kung fu fan dance, a folk dance which combines kung fu and tai chi. In the dance, the fan represents one's extension of energy and can also be used as a weapon, according to Chinese culture. Demonstrations of taekwondo and kung fu were given by students of martial arts programs in Greensboro. Moon cake, a dessert eaten only during Zhongqi, was also an important part of the celebration.

"It was really interesting, especially the cultural aspect," Elon freshman Conor Collins said. "The main thing I got out of the festival was that it's almost like an 'Asian Thanksgiving,' where families and friends unite and give thanks."

The Asian Studies minor at Elon requires students to study Chinese or Japanese as a language while offering study abroad programs in Asia during Winter Term or during the summer, as well as requiring a full semester or year abroad.

"There's a very close relationship between language and culture," Lin said. "Culture allows for people to see the value of the language, history, ideology and philosophy you're studying."

Lin urged students in her Chinese classes to go, saying the festival would give them a look into Chinese culture and values.

This was the first year many students and faculty members went to the festival. Nonetheless, Lin said she would like to celebrate the festival on campus next year. Collins added that having the Moon Festival at Elon next year would be an opportunity to promote global citizenship.

"We embrace a variety of different civilizations," Lin added. "In this modern age, we need to know how other people relate to each other so that we can understand them more."

Town of Elon's own secret garden

Town of Elon's



Roses bloom at the Town of Elon-owned rose garden on South O'Kelley Avenue. The roses were selected by Dr. Earl Danieleley, president emeritus and adjunct chemistry professor.

Edith Veremu
Reporter

For many people who have taken a tour of Elon University's campus, the rose garden on South O'Kelley Avenue is a hidden gem. Located across from the train tracks and Johnston Hall on South Campus, the rose garden is often mistaken as the university's property.

The Byrd-Powell Memorial Rose Garden belongs to Elon Homes and Schools for Children, a former orphanage that was formed in 1907 as the Christian Orphanage. Thousands of children were raised at the site, according to its website. With the union of the Boys Town of North

Carolina and the Elon Homes for Children in 1980, the agency added more services, including an education program. The Elon School was created by the agency in 2007 to further help disadvantaged children, and now serves as a preparatory school.

In 1960, Ina Mae Powell donated money to Elon Homes for Children to create the garden. Powell, who passed away in 2008, was a native of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., an avid gardener and a member of the Wake Chapel Christian Church, according to her obituary. The garden originally had a Japanese theme but was renovated, and a gazebo was added in 1980, said the Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse, the president of Elon Homes and Schools for Children.

"(Powell) was a very gentle woman," Grosse said. "She wanted a pleasant, quiet place on campus where the orphans and their families could go reflect and pray."

Bennie Catoe, an Elon resident and a volunteer in her late 50s who has worked on the garden for more than 20 years, agreed the garden was Powell's gift to the orphaned children.

"She wanted the kids that lived in the orphanage to have some color in their lives," she said. "This was her gift to them."

The roses in the garden grow anywhere from 3 to 6 feet tall and may have more than 30 petals that are large in size. The roses are hybrid tea roses, a combination of hybrid perpetual roses and tea roses, said Catoe. These roses usually have one blossom from a stem instead of multiple clusters of flowers, thus blooming extraordinarily in early May, she said.

"Dr. (Earl) Danieleley chose the varieties of roses that grow in the garden," Catoe explained. In her 20 years of experience, Catoe said this year is the second time she has had a helper. Her assistant, Martinez Taylor, is an Elon MBA '09 alumnus and has described working in the garden as a wonderful experience.

Martinez said being in this garden

has renewed his interest in gardening and roses.

The rose garden, which was dedicated to Powell's and her husband's mothers, has served as a gathering area over the years. Grosse and Catoe said weddings have taken place in and around the garden. Many of these weddings have been of adults who spent their childhood in the orphanage, Catoe said. She also recalls times when the building was a day care, and kindergarten classes would have their graduation ceremonies in the garden.

The garden has never experienced any type of damage or vandalism, Catoe said. The only issue she's had with the garden is people cutting off roses, even though there's a sign that asks people not to do so.

"It's only expected for people to do that," Catoe said. "Sometimes, a guy will ask me to cut off a rose to give to his girlfriend and I do, because giving someone a rose is one of the most beautiful things you could ever do."

Catoe said although she does not get paid for her work on the garden, she enjoys it.

"I've done it for so long that I've gotten an emotional attachment to the roses," she said. "I'm a gardener, so I think growing things, anything — roses or tomatoes — is a beautiful thing. You get a sense of accomplishment when you're done."

SLAMM! rocks and rolls in McCrary

Lauren Ramsdell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Carmine Appice's SLAMM! did not, in fact, begin with a slam.

Rather, a haunting reverberation filled McCrary Theatre the night of Sept. 16 and rattled the audience in their seats. Blue light sliced through hazy air. One at a time, Appice and his cohorts strode on stage and began a slow rhythm on what appeared to be rain barrels covered with fluorescent tape. BOOM. BOOM. BOOM.

And then the sold-out show began in earnest. Four drummers beat on the rain barrels while a shrieking guitar kept up the tune. In the background, the fifth drummer pounded on drums suspended from a stepladder.

The introduction kept up for several minutes, including times where Appice and Adriane Palikat, one of his four fellow drummers, played dueling and then complementary rhythms on full drum kits.

From the beginning the energy never let up. Elements of coordinated dance struck a visual tone to match the harsh beats, as well as jumping, leaping and a little silent acting—mock arguments and exaggerated showmanship — kept the vibe on stage upbeat.

The audience was, for the most part, responsive, clapping along during the many segments where Appice encouraged involvement, and even singing along while on stage the drums were relentlessly beaten.

True to their claims, SLAMM! did use



Carmine Appice, left, and two other members of the group SLAMM! play on rain barrels during their performance at Elon on Sept. 16.

everything from plastic cups to ironing boards, from rain barrels to buckets and even a few traditional drums.

Each nontraditional item either brought a completely new sound to the stage, unreplicable on a drum set, or a sound that blended well with other drums. Nothing seemed out of place, even though one is unlikely to do the laundry at a rock concert.

And a rock concert atmosphere was definitely in the air. Rather than last year's visiting drum group Nagata Sacho, SLAMM! was neither a celebration of culture nor just the drum itself. Guitarist Artie Dillon never let the audience forget that while they were there to see the impressive drumming, they were getting a talented shredding guitarist in the deal as well.

The concert felt mainly like a rock band that made use of more rhythm than tune, and did so to great effect, and like a love letter to all the different forms of rhythm.

Junior Jesse Palmer agreed. "It was intense," he said. "They really know how to put on a show."

Fellow junior Christian

Palmer also said he enjoyed the program. "They really engaged the audience," he said. "There were great lights and great costumes."

Unique for both Elon University and SLAMM! was the inclusion of the marching band's drumline. For the second-to-last set, the entire Fire of the Carolinas drumline joined Appice and his group on stage, doing a call-and-response to Appice's vocal scat and joining in on rain barrel songs.

It was also a unique night for drummer Curt Patrick. Patrick stood in for his friend and SLAMM! regular Felipe Torres, who was away with another band.

"We're playing with a living legend," said Patrick in reference to Appice, "It makes you realize how lucky you are. To be on stage with him is a trip."

Zoilo Ruiz, a co-creator of SLAMM! is the only original cast member from when SLAMM! began. Before SLAMM! he toured with Stomp!, a similar, yet different drumming group. He expressed his appreciation for the Elon community.

"We had an awesome time. We had a great campus, great stage, great stagehands and great lighting," he said. "Everything was awesome."



PHOTO BY COREY GROOM

Greene Street Club a student - and wallet - friendly party place

Edith Veremu
Reporter

Located in downtown Greensboro, the Greene Street Club is a lively place where college students and Greensboro residents frequent on the weekends. The club's rooftop bar, which was added two and a half years ago, is the largest open bar in Greensboro.

"We're different from other clubs, because not all clubs have rooftop bars," Rajes Bangidiwa, production manager of Greene Street, said. "The rooftop bar at Heaven (another night club in Greensboro) isn't as big as ours."

Greene Street Club has been open since October 2001, and the club has become a popular venue where live local and regional bands of varying music genres perform. Bands from around the country such as House of Fools, Codeseven and Drop Dead, Gorgeous have performed at the club. Tribute bands that performed at Greene Street include Appetite for Destruction, a Guns N' Roses tribute band, and The Breakfast Club, an '80s tribute band.

"Our main focus is on bands and live shows," Bangidiwa said. "Other than the (Greensboro) Coliseum, we're the best place for live shows."

Thursday night at Greene Street is "College Night" and four levels of entertainment are featured, according to the website and commercials on the radio. "College Night" is the only event specifically targeted at students, Bangidiwa said. He estimated more than one thousand people show up every Thursday night, mainly from UNC Greensboro.

Social media plays an important role in marketing for the club.



DJ Blackout works the first floor at Greene Street on its Thursday College Night.

"Facebook is great for anybody getting the word out about anything," Bangidiwa said.

About a year and a half ago, the club created its Facebook and now has more than 4,000 fans. On its Facebook page, the club posts pictures of past events and shows, asks fans what bands they would like to have perform and notifies fans of upcoming events and shows. The club created an account on Twitter around the same time as its Facebook page. Given Twitter's 140-character limit, the club only posts brief updates to followers.

Upcoming events at Greene Street include live performances by The Urban Sophisticates, a hip-hop and rock group from Greensboro, DJ Icey, an electronic music producer, and Guerrilla Radio, the official Rage

Against the Machine cover band with a performance by This is a Call, a Foo Fighters tribute band. Admission for shows at the club ranges from \$6 to \$20.

The club has a strict dress code, found on its website, which it expects its goers to adhere to. Bandanas and do-rags are prohibited headwear. Baggy pants, long shorts or jean shorts are also against the code. Plain white T-shirts and boots are among the banned items as well.

Bangidiwa said the club's strategic location in downtown Greensboro has helped its growth.

"We're downtown, but not too downtown so it's convenient for people who don't want to deal with the craziness of Greensboro and Elm Street."

The weekly Web roundup: Videos and links going viral



Alexa Johnson
Columnist

Hipster superheroes

Who knew that spandex and outrageous costumes would lend so well to flannel and indie sensibility? In other news, the Hulk is all about American Apparel, which

makes a lot of sense — spandex would be kind of necessary if you were a mass of muscle and rage and that's pretty much the only thing that AA sells.

Source: www.Google.com Search: *hipster superheroes*

Craigslist permanently shuts down adult services section

Many hours could be passed in a bygone era: looking at the creepy adult services tab on Craigslist. The great American procrastination pastime has now drawn to a close. While some are overjoyed that the online giant will no longer be promoting Internet sex traffic, others are worried that the move might hurt efforts to control the illegal activity.

Source: www.Switched.com Search: *Craigslist*

The most ridiculous additions to the Oxford American Dictionary

This year the OAD welcomed words such as bromance, chillax and phrases such as "my bad." Why are these additions so lame? Because they are so obvious — the only people who might not know them are grandparents and they probably won't be using them in conversation anyway.

Source: www.Buzzfeed.com Search: *dictionary*

Oscar Wilde love letters discovered

Like many great literary figures, Oscar Wilde played for his own team. Now the dead guy's love letters to a magazine editor have surfaced. In an unsurprising turn of events, the letters are supposed to be auctioned off by the Fine Art Auctioneers Bamfords of Derby, with the winning bid projected to be around £10,000. In a word: classy.

Source: www.Telegraph.co.uk Search: *Oscar Wilde*

The 45 dumbest signs at the 9/12 Tea Party Rally

This isn't about political affiliation. Ridiculous is ridiculous, whether you identify as a Democrat or Republican. And these signs are just hilariously awful. Some of the keepers include: "Obama, the terrorist from within," "Stop pandering to Islam," and "This is your brain (Reagan picture), this is your brain on drugs (Obama picture)."

Source: [Buzzfeed](http://www.Buzzfeed.com). Search: *45 dumb signs*.

Jon Stewart announces D.C. 'Rally to Restore Sanity'

Where will all the cool kids be on Oct. 30? The D.C. Mall for a truly epic gathering of comedy and politics. Jon Stewart (The Daily Show) is advocating that middle of the road Americans show their grasp of reality and reasonability showing up for a few hours to gather in D.C., while Stephen Colbert (The Colbert Report) is encouraging people to join his opposing "Keep Fear Alive March."

Source: www.PopEater.com Search: *John Stewart rally*

Elon students go to Burlington gym for MMA training, instruction

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

The sensation that is mixed martial arts training does not fall short of having an impact on Elon University students.

Several students participate in MMA training at the Alamance Black Belt Academy in Burlington, and the program is drawing new members every week.

Jason Thomas is the owner of the gym and an instructor of not only MMA students, but also of taekwondo students in Burlington.

Junior Elon student Connor Locklin, who regularly trains at the gym, said he noticed three new participants from Elon a few weeks ago.

"Students come in and either like it and stick with it, or it's just not their thing and they leave pretty quick," Locklin said.

The sport is defined as being a full contact sport in which a variety of fighting techniques are used to pin an opponent. Part of the reason for the gain in popularity is the fact that martial artists of different backgrounds are able to compete.

The draw of the sport attracts college students who have had prior experience with contact sports or martial arts.

"I would say anyone who may have wrestled in high school has gone in there at some point to try their hand and see how it fits," Locklin said. "My background was karate. I did that for 11 years before coming here and wanted to stay active in martial arts."

But even beyond those with previous wrestling and martial arts backgrounds, there is another group of students drawn to the gym, as well, Thomas said.

"A couple guys coming in here now are rugby guys, and they just like contact," Thomas said.

While the Academy also attracts youth members who are interested in karate, most of the college-aged members are interested in the MMA aspect of the training.

"For families and kids, mostly they want to do the traditional martial arts and get their black belt," Thomas said. "Guys who are 18, 20 years old and up are doing mixed martial arts."

The difference in interests between age groups is because of the target audience for MMA.

"It's just the demographic," Thomas said. "A lot of guys who are doing mixed martial arts now have done karate or

taekwondo before."

MMA contestants must go through extreme conditioning and weight lifting training in order to compete, and there are many ways for athletes to train for competitions.

"The new rage in MMA is CrossFit, which is primarily exercises with minimal equipment to cover the same areas of strength training," Locklin said.

Thomas said that CrossFit is the new way for MMA athletes to train and the benefits of the workout are evident.

"It's more applicable to real world strength, and you're doing a lot of timed stuff," Thomas said. "A typical workout might be run 400 meters and do so many number of pull-ups and so many numbers of medicine ball throws or something like that. And do five rounds of that for time."

As one can imagine, a workout of that magnitude can wear on athletes who are not in the best shape.

"The workouts are usually pretty intense," Locklin said. "I do what I can, but I'm not in the greatest shape right now."

With a little less than two years remaining until his graduation, Locklin plans to head to Las Vegas, an area he describes as a 'hotbed' for MMA training schools.

"I've been to Las Vegas for a few days randomly and gone by to see some of the gyms, and they are pretty impressive," Locklin said. "If you imagine a Gold's Gym, a boxing school and a college wrestling room with really high tech equipment."

While the Alamance Black Belt Academy may not be as elaborate as the gyms in Las Vegas, it still provides Elon students place to train and hone their skills.

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ELON UNIVERSITY JUNIOR

The Alamance Black Belt Academy

The facility is located about four miles off Elon's campus and offers instruction in:

- Tae Kwon Do
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Judo
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Muay Thai
- Kickboxing
- Wrestling

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

SEPT. 24 - 28

Friday 9/24

Men's tennis (Georgia Intercollegiate) — All Day
Men's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Women's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Women's soccer @ Samford — 8 p.m.

Saturday 9/25

Men's tennis (Georgia Intercollegiate) — All Day
Men's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Women's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Football @ Georgia Southern — 6 p.m.
Men's soccer @ Davidson — 7 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Samford — 7 p.m.

Sunday 9/26

Men's tennis (Georgia Intercollegiate) — All Day
Men's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Women's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) — All Day
Volleyball vs. Chattanooga — 2 p.m.
Women's soccer at Chattanooga — 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9/28

Men's soccer vs. Duke — 7 p.m.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

SEPT. 17 — SEPT. 19

Football
Sept. 18
Elon 21
Richmond 27

Sept. 19
Elon 1
Virginia
Commonwealth 1

Men's Soccer
Sept. 17
Richmond 0
Elon 4

Volleyball
Sept. 17
Elon 1
Campbell 3

Sept. 19
Jacksonville 1
Elon 1

Sept. 18
Elon 2
UNCW 3

Women's Soccer
Sept. 17
Elon 0
Longwood 6

Elon 0
North Carolina State 3



ONE ON ONE

Tom Waterman and Josh Norris
Sports Commentators

College football standouts

Now that we are a few weeks into college football season, which teams have really stood out and impressed so far, and who are the early Heisman Trophy Favorites?

TOM WATERMAN

A few of the teams that have really impressed me so far would have to be the University of Nebraska and the University of Arkansas. These two teams with highly contrasting styles of play both entered this year with very high expectations and have not disappointed. Nebraska has been dominating opponents and made potential first round pick Jake Locker look terrible last weekend as he completed only four of 20 passes en route to a 56-21 Nebraska victory. And Arkansas has been just as strong as they head into their weekend showdown against No. 1 University of Alabama.

JOSH NORRIS

I agree with you on Nebraska. Head coach Bo Pelini finally has a few recruiting classes under his belt, giving him the type of players he needs to succeed. Regarding Arkansas, I think they are irrelevant. As you mentioned, the Razorbacks play Alabama next week, which is just the beginning of the rugged SEC schedule. Arkansas will be just another team in a few weeks.

I am going with the University of Arizona. Head coach Mike Stoops relishes in the underdog role, and this team is loaded with hard-working talent and play in a wide-open Pac-10 conference. Nick Foles, the Wildcats quarterback, is forgotten in the discussion of the quarterback-heavy Pac-10, but that will soon change. Another good sign is they have passed their toughest defensive challenge, which was stopping the top defensive talent in the country, the University of Iowa's Adrian Clayborn. Arizona's final four weeks of the season have them facing difficult opponents, but look for them to be in the picture when crowning the Pac-10 champion.

TOM

I like Arizona a lot too, but that brutal three-game stretch against Stanford University, an underrated University of Southern California team and the University of Oregon is going to ultimately be Arizona's undoing in the Pac-10 race.

Now as we look towards the early Heisman favorites, there are a few notable names that really stick out to me — they are Oregon's LaMichael James, University of Michigan's Denard Robinson, Boise State University's Kellen Moore and University of Alabama's Mark Ingram. All four of these players are going to put up monster numbers for their respective teams, and you can never overlook the best player on the best teams in the country in the case of both Moore and Ingram.

JOSH

How about two more names, Andy Dalton of Texas Christian University and Jacquizz Rodgers of Oregon State University? Dalton has a very strong chance, especially if the teams ranked above Texas Christian falter.

A longtime starter for the Horned Frogs, Dalton understands the offense and is a great decision maker. He is the typical college quarterback that lacks the skills to make it in the NFL, but we have seen many of those types of players win the Heisman Trophy before, one being Ty Detmer, who was the last winner from a non-BCS conference. If Dalton wins, he becomes the holder of that title.

It is easy to love Jacquizz Rodgers' game. He is a very undersized and shifty running back that consistently makes plays. In a conference with no clear frontrunner, Rodgers could become a highly discussed player if Oregon State can assert themselves as a contender in the Pac-10.

Men's soccer overcomes early deficit, plays to tie



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Sophomore midfielder Gabe Latigue had four shots and one shot on goal in the Elon University men's soccer game Sept. 19 at home against Coastal Carolina University. He was one of 10 players with shots in the contest and five with shots on goal.

After getting down 2-0 in the first half, Elon battled back with a goal by senior midfielder Hunter Miller in the first half and one by sophomore forward Chris Thomas in the second half and brought the game to a tie — where it ended after overtime.

Next up for the Phoenix is a trip to Davidson College for a 7 p.m. matchup Saturday against the Wildcats.

Women's golf uses fall season as a way to build for spring

Jay Lassiter
Reporter

The fall season is an important time for the Elon University women's golf team because it is a way for the team to prepare to go into the spring season and the conference tournament, head coach Chris Dockrill said, and to figure out what each player needs to work on.

The first tournament of this season for the team was the 2010 Great Smokies Intercollegiate, where the Phoenix tied for third place out of 24 schools. The team shot a 588 two-day total, with a 288 on the second day — the second-best team score for the day.

"(The team) could have played better," Dockrill said. "They left a lot on the golf course."

The team was led by junior Virginia Mayer, who finished two under par and tied for fourth place individually.

"The team struggled the first day," Mayer said. "(But they) hit their stride the second day."

The tournament was a way for Dockrill to evaluate the players and see who worked hard over the summer, he said.

Mayer and the rest of the team continued to train throughout the summer, she said, and Mayer said she was happy about the way practice turned out in the tournament.

Also, because of the team's work, Mayer said the qualifying for the tournament was more competitive.

Dockrill used the first weekend as a way to figure out what everyone needs to work on, he said, so they can improve before the next tournament Sept. 24 through Sept. 26 and eventually the spring season.

He has already begun working with people on their individual needs, such as putting and improving their swings.

Mayer is working on her putting because she said she did not putt as well as she would have liked at the tournament, and short game is very important for golf.

The next tournament is the Sea Trails Intercollegiate, held at Sunset Beach, N.C. and hosted by the Phoenix.

The team is very optimistic about the tournament, Mayer said, and it wants to be ready to play well next weekend because it is hosting the tournament.

The Phoenix is working to be ready for every tournament because it is a great way for the players to be able to prepare for the spring season and the conference tournament, Mayer said, and it is looking forward to the season because the players feel like they can win the Southern Conference.

She also said she believes they are in a good position for the fall



FILE PHOTO
The fall tournaments are much like practice for the Elon University women's golf team in that they aren't part of the actual season. Instead, they are part of the evaluation of a player's game and gives her something to work on individually for the coming season in the spring.

season because of the way the team practiced, and she said they are all looking forward to the season.

Dockrill emphasized the importance of the fall tournaments

in preparing for the spring season and especially the SoCon tournament.

"Our number one goal, every year, is to win conference," he said.

Women's soccer completes nonconference schedule, looks to SoCon matches

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, the Elon women's soccer team will begin its pursuit for the Southern Conference championship with a matchup at Samford University. Last season, the Phoenix finished fifth in the conference, just missing a chance to compete in the conference tournament.

The matchup against the Bulldogs comes after the Phoenix saw its five-game winning streak snapped Sept. 17 against Longwood University. The Lancers outscored the Phoenix 6-0 and scored three first-half goals.

"We were psychologically not prepared," head coach Chris Neal said. "After five wins, we got complacent. We thought we were going to strap our cleats on and win a game, but it couldn't be further from the truth."

In the game, the Lancers only out-shout the Phoenix 12-11 but took eight shots on goal compared to the Phoenix's four.

"Friday (Sept. 17) was a disappointing performance," senior forward Brittany Hallberg said. "We didn't perform the way we should have."

After the loss against Longwood, the team then played Virginia Commonwealth University to a 1-1 tie Sept. 19.

Elon sophomore goalie Kristen Haney had a career-high eight saves. This tie pushed the Phoenix's record to 5-2-1 overall.

The Phoenix's only goal of the game was an own goal off a Virginia Commonwealth player at 62:12 in the game.

Both Hallberg and Neal said the game was extremely physical for both teams.

"(These two games) were a tremendous learning experience," Neal said. "Friday's loss was just a loss and it was behind us and we needed to learn from it ... We reinforced that we were still a good team."

Out of the Phoenix's eight games this season, four of them have already been

on the road this season. Neal said this past weekend was a good test for the team playing a Friday and then a Sunday game on the road because they will have to do a similar schedule against Samford and then University of Tennessee Chattanooga on Sunday.

"It's the toughest road swing of the year in the Southern Conference," Neal said. "We got the kids used to it this weekend. They learned how to handle crowds that weren't friendly."

Last season, the Phoenix lost to Samford 1-0, and the Bulldogs finished 7-1-3 in the SoCon. Samford will be coming off a 2-0 loss against University of Auburn heading into the game with the Phoenix. Samford lost in the first round of the SoCon tournament in a 0-0 game decided on penalty kicks against College of Charleston.

Against Chattanooga last year, the Phoenix fared better, winning 5-1, and the Mocs finished 2-8-1 in the SoCon and second-to-last place in the SoCon.

Hallberg said she is excited to play the first conference game.

"We just take it one game at a time," she said.

Neal said even though wins are great, especially on the road, "it isn't necessary to get both wins."

He said last season, Davidson College lost its first two conference games on the road but ended up winning the SoCon tournament last season.

"It is important to win, but it isn't the end of the world if we don't get the two wins on the road," he said.

This season's SoCon tournament is set up differently than last year's. In the past, only four teams made the tournament, but this year, a total of eight teams make the tournament.

"Each game is going to be a tough fight in conference," Hallberg said. "It will build confidence for who we are, and we're coming out strong. We want to show everyone how hard we worked and the result of that."

Women's tennis gets fresh start in fall season tournaments

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

While the regular season for the Elon University women's tennis team begins in January, it is not sitting idly during the fall. The team is playing five tournaments in its "off season" in training for the new year.

The second of these was the Cougar Fall Invitational, which was held Sept. 17 through Sept. 19 in Charleston, S.C. Hosted by the College of Charleston, the tournament was comprised of four singles and four doubles brackets: A1, A2, B1 and B2.

Freshman Frida Jansaker highlighted the A1 singles bracket for the Phoenix, winning two matches before losing to sophomore Miki Bunea of Coastal Carolina University, who fell in the finals.

"I thought we did a really good job with the tournament," head coach Elizabeth Anderson said. "I was really pleased with the results and feel we're at a really good point right now."

Jansaker and freshman Bryn Khoury finished third in the A2 doubles bracket with an 8-6 win against East Carolina University's sophomore Petra Vogel and freshman Neena Wanko.

Freshmen Jordan Johnston and Viviana Stavreva, junior Lauren Sessoms and sophomore Briana Berne, and freshman Andrea Pont Grau and junior Kaylyn Smialek all finished seventh in their

respective doubles brackets.

"We have to keep developing," Anderson said. "We have a lot of new players on our team, and I'm really pleased with how they've just jumped into things and gotten off to a really good start."

Last season, the team lost four seniors, two of whom were team captains and all of whom played throughout the year.

In their place, the team gained five new freshmen to begin the 2010 fall season.

Four of those freshmen played matched in the Cougar Fall Invitational, and all of them played in the team's first tournament, the Davidson Invitational, Sept. 3 and 4.

"We're fortunate that we've gotten some really good players," Anderson said. "They've stepped right in and are doing really well. But they still just have to gain experience and figure out what college tennis is all about."

Fall season is a time of learning, Anderson said, where the team can learn in what areas it needs to improve. She said it was a very individualistic time, where each player is focusing on her own game and her own improvements.

"Fall season is extremely important," Anderson said. "You learn a lot of things, learn what you need to work on and what helps you get to the next level. It sets up the spring."



Phoenix looks to sharpen defense against Samford

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

The key to winning on Saturdays, Elon head football coach Pete Lembo said, isn't simply dictated by how the team performs each weekend. Rather, it is a collection of a week's efforts to be displayed each Saturday afternoon in the fall.

"It's about having a great week of practice first and foremost," Lembo said. "When we have great weeks of practice, Saturdays have a way of taking care of themselves."

Having an intentional and effective full week of practice is just what the Phoenix needs after a 38-21 defeat to the Georgia Southern Eagles last weekend.

With a 1-3 start, the Phoenix hasn't exactly gotten off to the hot start it had hoped for. With two nonconference losses — to Duke University and the University of Richmond, and its Southern Conference blemish against Georgia Southern, Lembo has stressed to his team the importance of what a week of practice can do to prepare a team.

"We have to continue to be intentional about drills and coverages in practice in order for us to have success in games," Lembo said.

While the Phoenix offense has scored an average of 31 points per game through its first four contests, the defense has been the team's Achilles' heel, giving up 33 points and nearly 450 yards of total offense per game.

A veteran offensive unit has carried the Phoenix through the first stretch of the season, while the defense has been developing and maturing over time. For example, against Georgia Southern last weekend, Lembo started three freshmen and a sophomore against a veteran unit of wide receivers for the Eagles. Noting 11 new starters to the

team, with a majority of the starters being on the defensive side of the ball, Lembo said it is has taken some time to work players into the fold and sustain playing at a high level for the length of the game.

The Phoenix has started fast in its first four games, outscoring its opponent 83-68 in the first half. Where Elon has struggled this season is after halftime, where opponents have outscored the Phoenix 64-41.

Saturday's game was a perfect example. At the half, the Phoenix was tied with the Eagles at 14. In the second half, Georgia Southern outscored Elon 24-7 on its way to a decisive victory.

"When you see glimpses of good execution, you know what your team is capable of," Lembo said. "What we've talked a lot about is doing it consistently for 60 minutes...it starts on the practice field."

While emphasizing working together as a unit, senior linebacker Travis Greene said the individual focus of each teammate on the unit will help the Phoenix defense progress and grow as a collective group.

"You really have to be prepared for every snap," Greene said. "Guys have to maintain that focus, and I think sometimes we get caught not being focused on every play and that can hurt us."

Facing Samford University at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Rhodes Stadium, Lembo said his team's defense will have plenty of opportunity this week to prepare for Samford's offense, as it is similar to what the Phoenix offense runs throughout the season.

"Samford is very similar to ourselves offensively," Lembo said. "(This week) we are going to throw at us because our defense will be going against similar coverages all week."



Above: In the 38-21 loss against Georgia Southern University, the Phoenix defense surrendered 30 first downs for 508 total yards of offense and five touchdowns while recording only one sack and tackle for a loss.

Below: The Elon defense has allowed just over 444 yards per game this year.

5 things to look for against Samford

- 1. Can the Phoenix defense improve?** The story of the season thus far has been the inability of the Phoenix to stop opposing offenses from moving the ball. The unit has given up an average of 444.5 yards per game, including 508 yards against Georgia Southern.
- 2. Will the team establish a rushing attack?** After gaining a combined 324 rushing yards in its first two games, the Phoenix has rushed for a meek 82 yards in the last 2 games. The team has struggled to establish a running game early in games, and has been forced to become a one-dimensional offense in the second half of games.
- 3. Can Scott Riddle continue to lead the Phoenix offense?** While the team's running game has struggled, senior quarterback Scott Riddle has piled up passing yards and touchdowns. He has thrown 10 touchdowns this season to go along with 1,166 yards, which is an average of 291.5 yards per game.
- 4. Can Lance Camp return to the lineup?** The senior wide receiver and kick returner sprained his ankle in the first play of the team's game against Richmond and missed Saturday's game. In the first two games of the season, Camp put together 318 all-purpose yards.
- 5. What will the defense do to slow down Chris Evans?** The Bulldogs' senior running back has rushed for 1,000 yards in every season for the Bulldogs, and entered the season as the school's all-time leading rusher. After the Phoenix defense surrendered 379 rushing yards against Georgia Southern, they face another tough task in shutting down Evans.

BY THE NUMBERS

BREAKING DOWN THE GSU GAME

- 379** total rushing yards by the Georgia Southern offense
- 9** total rushing yards by the Elon offense
- 0** rushing first downs by the Phoenix
- 10 of 17** third downs converted by the Eagles
- 38:27** minutes of possession for Georgia Southern
- 3** sacks allowed by the Phoenix
- 121** yards receiving for sophomore Aaron Mellette on six catches
- 3 of 3** on fourth down conversions for Georgia Southern
- 17** plays of 10 yards or more surrendered by the Phoenix defense.

Elon starts SoCon schedule against perennial power Georgia Southern

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

The first season is over, according to football head coach Pete Lembo.

While the Elon University football team has only played three games, the team is getting ready for what Lembo describes as the “second season” — the beginning of Southern Conference play — with a tilt against No. 24 Georgia Southern University at 6 p.m. Saturday in Statesboro, Ga.

In Elon’s “first season,” or nonconference play, the Phoenix finished 1-2. While not the start the Phoenix wanted to commence the year, Lembo is quick to point out the level of competition the Phoenix faced in two losses to Duke University and the University of Richmond, respectively, as well as a win against Shaw University.

“The good news for our guys is that this is the toughest nonconference schedule we’ve ever had,” Lembo said, noting games against an Football Bowl Subdivision team and a top-10 matchup against the 2008 National Champion Richmond Spiders. “We’ll see some really good teams in the next few weeks, and I think our prior experience (this season) will help.”

A historic power with six Football Championship Subdivision national championships, Georgia Southern comes into Saturday’s game looking for revenge against a Phoenix team that has defeated the Eagles in its three prior contests.

Lembo looks back to the 2007 Phoenix tilt against the Eagles as a defining moment that turned Elon football into a national contender, with an unexpected 36-33 double-overtime upset of the Eagles.

“Three or four years ago, we were the spoilers who were sneaking up on teams and shocking them,” Lembo said. “Now we’re the ones with a

bulls-eye on our back.”

The commencement of league play brings parity and an extra level of competition that Lembo said his team is well aware of.

“I think our guys understand when conference play rolls around, you have to be playing your best football.”

While the Phoenix has finished second in the SoCon for the previous two years, Lembo said he is coaching his players to give that extra push throughout the season, hoping that it helps the Phoenix get over the hump and win its first-ever SoCon championship in football.

“Coach said that it’s all about your identity,” said junior linebacker Joshua Jones. “We’re still striving to be the best in the conference and I think we can be.”

Ranked No. 10 in The Sporting News poll, the Phoenix has three remaining contests on its schedule against nationally ranked football teams, starting with this weekend’s matchup against Georgia Southern, followed by games against No. 2 Appalachian State University and No. 23 Furman University.

Those three matchups will prove pivotal in shaping the conference outlook, but Lembo noted the importance of preparing for each team individually, rather than looking ahead to later in the season.

“When you get into conference play, the mentality is that every game is a championship game,” Lembo said. “The league has had incredible parity in the last few years, and you have to know that a lot can happen on any given weekend.”

A successful “second season” is what coach Lembo said he hopes will give the Phoenix momentum carrying into a hopeful “third season” as described by the coach, a second straight trip to the FCS playoffs.



Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellette (left) set the Elon record for most receptions in a game Sept. 18 against Shaw University. Mellette had 18 catches for 195 yards and two touchdowns.

FILE PHOTO

5 things to look for against Georgia Southern

1. Can the Phoenix offense establish its rush attack? Against Richmond, the Phoenix ran for just 73 yards, and 27 yards came on a run by sophomore punter John Reece for a fake punt. The team had gained 324 yards on the ground in its first two games.
2. What will Aaron Mellette do for an encore? With a Terrell Hudgins-esque performance (18 catches, 195 yards and two touchdowns), the sophomore wide receiver recorded the most catches in a single game in school history. So what will Mellette do against Georgia Southern University?
3. Can the Phoenix capture a road victory? Both Phoenix losses this season have come on the road, and this weekend the team travels to another hostile environment in Statesboro. The last time the team visited Georgia Southern, the Phoenix needed a last second field goal from Andrew Wilcox to beat the Eagles.
4. Will the Phoenix find discipline? After committing 15 penalties combined in its first two games, the Phoenix committed 11 penalties against the Spiders. What hurt more was that five of the penalties resulted in first downs for the University of Richmond.
5. How will the team begin its conference slate? With Georgia Southern, the Phoenix will have its first Southern Conference opponent of 2010. Last season, the team went 7-1 in the conference, and in the seven victories the team averaged a win differential of nearly 24 points.



Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

For the second year, the Elon University men’s and women’s cross country teams hosted the Elon Invitational, and for the second year, they finished near the top.

Both the men and women saw second-place finishes at the Sept. 17 meet, finishing just behind the UNC Greensboro teams.

The men fell short of first place by just one point, led by seniors Justin Gianni and Matt Richardson, who finished third and fourth overall, respectively. Both runners finished with personal-best times — Gianni with a time of 25:15 and Richardson with a time of 25:26.

Senior Emily Fournier held the best finish on the women’s team, with a time of 18:24 for fourth place, to lead the Phoenix to 37 points — nine points behind UNCG. Three other women finished in the top-10: freshman Allyson Oram in sixth, sophomore Chrissy Pacewicz in eighth and senior Catherine Rossi in ninth.

The cross country teams will compete next Oct. 2 in the Louisville Classic and the Hagan Stone Classic.



The men’s and women’s cross country teams both came in second out of five teams in their second annual Elon Invitational Sept. 18, hosted by the Phoenix teams and held on the Phoenix Trails.

JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer

Sports

5 things you should know about the **Elon Mascot**

Compiled by Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

- 1.** Skilled in the area of gymnastics, the Phoenix can cartwheel 12 times in a row.
- 2.** He has trained with the very best mascots in the country, including Hokie Bird of Virginia Tech and Cocky of the University of South Carolina.
- 3.** He wishes the Fire of the Carolinas would follow him everywhere and play background music.
- 4.** While most fans have never heard him speak, the Phoenix is a very talented singer.
- 5.** It disappoints him when fans do not dance with him.

